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Gird-i Qalrakh An archaeological view on daily life in an early Sasanian manor house

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Abstract

Gird-i Qalrakh is a small site in the Shahrizor Plain in Iraqi Kurdistan, a region that has always been characterized by agriculture and still is today. In the years since 2016, a building has been uncovered on the hilltop. At first glance its construction and the find material show only few special features compared to other sites from the early Sasanian period – the walls are made of mud bricks, the floors of simple stamped earth, the pottery shows the usual range of forms. At the same time, however, the building stands out due to its size and individual, rather unusual finds – for example, numerous indications of fabric processing or some seal impressions. These allow us to draw some conclusions about the everyday life and activities in a manor house of the local elite in a rural area and thus contribute – at least a small part – to the study of Sasanian society.

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