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Ways of dwelling between ancient and modern times. Arslantepe and Orduzu (South-Eastern Türkiye) a millennia long dialogue

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Abstract

This paper aims at presenting the preliminary results of the fieldwork related to an ongoing research project on the study of the living spaces in traditional mud-brick architecture at Orduzu, south-eastern Türkiye, in relation to the domestic architecture brought to light in the site of Arslantepe, inserted in the UNESCO World Heritage list from 2021.

Activities devoted to the monitoring, collection and digital archiving of the traditional past and present cultural and natural environment have become particularly urgent after the earthquake that struck the region in 2023. During the 2024 archaeological campaign a survey of the still standing traditional houses at Orduzu was carried out, data were inserted in a customized GIS platform in order to integrate information on building conditions, ownership, and surrounding environment, using cadastral maps, satellite images and direct observation in the field. An interview protocol was drafted aimed at engaging local residents and raising awareness of their cultural heritage and fostering stronger ties between the Arslantepe archaeological site and the community to support preservation efforts. The activities aim to preserve the historical memory of the archaeological site in its cultural environment, and to provide comparative models for the interpretation of the ancient architecture.

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