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Renewed approaches to Nimrud. Reassessment and digitisation of CRAFT survey data (1987-1989)

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Abstract

Between 1987 and 1989, the CRAFT began its research activities in Nimrud (Iraq). The operations were carried out on two fronts: in addition to the excavation of some sectors of the palace-arsenal known as Fort Shalmaneser, a topographic and ceramic survey was undertaken in the Lower City, aimed at the definition of the overall urban model. The outbreak of war put an end to this ambitious project, and excavation and survey data collected so far have only been partially disclosed. The study proposed fits into the first phase of my PhD project, which provides for the recovery, review and final publication of such data. The outputs include indeed outlining the site's evolution based on available data in a space syntax analysis perspective, and obtaining a complete picture of the Fort and the objects recovered during its investigations. Preliminary results from the elaboration of survey data through Geographic Information System Software will be presented. The ensuing raster and vector models are conceived as the starting point for further development, such as preservation and updating of former field data, reassessment of preliminary hypotheses about the architectural arrangement, and any future on-site intervention.

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