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Tracing Transitions and Connecting Communities in the Archaeology of Southwest Asia

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Abstract

This paper addresses human transitions in human sociality, economy, and transitional landscapes and spaces. Spanning c. 10,000 years and ranging from the Zagros mountains to the Mediterranean and north-central Anatolia, we explore critical new knowledge of transitional periods and interconnected spaces and their significance in long-term human development. The material components underpinning key societal transformations in Southwest Asia will be considered, giving special attention to the relationalities - between humans, materials, and the wider environment - that underpin social change and continuity. These approaches are contextualised by adopting a landscape lens, focusing on the spatiality of social and political community and performance. Here, we highlight recent research challenging disciplinary and cultural boundaries and focus on emerging approaches to implementing interdisciplinary, ethical, and socially engaged research that is transforming the future of the archaeology and heritage of Southwest Asia.

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