



ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

New excavations in Assur: First results of the 2023 to 2025 campaigns

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Abstract

In 2023, archaeological research in Assur was resumed and has since been carried out by a team from LMU Munich and the University of Münster. It is funded by the Gottfried Wilhelm Leibnitz Prize of the German Research Foundation awarded to Karen Radner (LMU Munich) in 2022. The aim of the new excavations is to explore the southern new town, where two trenches have been opened. In Operation New Town 1, a stratigraphic sequence with building and grave finds was recorded on a hilltop near the southern city wall, which begins in the Middle Assyrian period and extends through the Neo-Assyrian and Seleucid periods into the Parthian period. A second operation was carried out in a depression to the west, where a large drainage shaft constructed in the bedrock and deposits of workshop waste were unearthed. The new field research thus provides new insights into the previously little-known settlement history and spatial organisation of the new town of Assur.

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