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Gird-i Dasht (Iraqi Kurdistan) : A chalcolithic stratigraphy of production

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Abstract

The tell site of Gird-i Dasht near Soran/Iraq is considered the principal site in the Delzian Plain, a fertile basin in northern Zagros. Excavations from 2021 to 2024 show a long Chalcolithic stratigraphic sequence with dozens of layers from Ubaid to the Late Chalcolithic 5. After presenting the site generally, the talk will present for the first-time preliminary observations. In addition to its importance for the local ceramic chronology, the site is particularly interesting as a production place. There is evidence of grain threshing and the processing of pulses in an open, perhaps communal space, where obsidian bladelets were also extracted from prepared cores. Flakes were produced from chert pebbles of local procurement in what was probably a domestic context. A deposit with painted Ubaid pottery, metallurgical tools and slag lies at the beginning of the sequence.

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