



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# Questioning the Late Islamic occupation on the site of Bazhera (Kurdistan Iraq): enclosures and other archaeological evidence

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## Abstract

The poster presents a preliminary discussion on the study of some archaeological evidence from the site of Bazhera, on the eastern bank of the Nahr al-Khazir (Akre district). The Bazhera Archaeological Project is a joint research program between the University of Udine and the Dohuk Directorate of Antiquities and Heritage of the Kurdistan Region of Iraq, which aims at studying the history of a settlement that played a key role in the communication network of this region during the Ottoman period. In the area of the settlement, in the immediate vicinity of the station, several quadrangular enclosures, mostly collapsed, have been identified. They are in some cases built in sequence and made of stone, with or without earth mortar. One of the objectives of the project was to understand whether the function and chronology of these remains were related to the main building, attributed to the Ottoman period.

One of these structures was partially excavated in 2023, revealing a late date (18th-19th century), but still leaving open the question of its function. Looking for comparisons with other similar evidence, mainly from agropastoral contexts, the poster intends to discuss in detail the first data to emerge from the archaeological investigation.

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