



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# Overview of metal objects from Azatan during the Lchashen-Metsamor culture (15th-9th). The question of transition from Late Bronze Age to Iron Age in the Shirak plain (Armenia)

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## Abstract

Azatan, located in the southeastern part of the Shirak Plain in Armenia, is a richly preserved site, including a fortress and cemeteries dating from the Late Bronze Age and Early Iron Age, also known as the Lchashen-Metsamor culture. Graves from these two periods have yielded a rich variety of metal artifacts, providing valuable information on the material culture of the community.

One of the main challenges of this site is to understand the transition between the Late Bronze Age and the Early Iron Age in the Shirak plain, particularly in terms of architecture and material culture. However, much of the metal material from the site has yet to be fully published since excavations began. This presentation aims to introduce this material and explore its implications for research questions at the site.

First, a comprehensive description of the material and its context will be provided. Next, a typological and statistical analysis will be conducted to understand the structure of the corpus and its evolution over time. Finally, a comparative analysis will highlight the significant changes in this material from the end of the Late Bronze Age to the beginning of the Iron Age.

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