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KALAM Project: Reconstructing the Old Babylonian landscape and documenting the risk of the archaeological heritage between uruppak and Isin (Iraq)

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Abstract

This paper presents results of the KALAM project which has been carried out since 2022. The main targets of the project were the reconstruction of the ancient landscape and the investigation of the various risks and damages to the archaeological heritage in the area between Suruppak and Isin (province of Diwaniyah, Iraq). Throughout this project, it was proven that there is a systematic pattern of destruction according to the sites' periods which threatens especially the archaeological landscape of the Bronze Age sites. Especially the disappearance of small settlements, the destruction of lower towns and of ancient water courses is dramatic, and necessitates immediate survey actions.

In this paper, we will present a new understanding of the settlement patterns by periods. In particular, we would like to give an overview of the Old Babylonian settlements in the area, and we will discuss in detail the urban structure of an important but so far completely unexplored city, as revealed by the survey.

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