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Chronicles of Jericho: Archaeology and World Heritage at Tell es-Sultan

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Abstract

The inscription of Tell es-Sultan on UNESCO's World Heritage List (September 2023) marks the culmination of the shared dedication of the joint mission by the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities and Sapienza University of Rome. This achievement provides rich insights into the values and role of Archaeology in the Near East.

The excavation of Jericho has uncovered the extraordinary experiences of a resilient and innovative Neolithic community, while also revealing the long history of a Levantine capital between the 3rd and 1st millennia BCE—a crossroads of routes connecting Egypt, Sinai, the Arabian Peninsula with Syria, Anatolia, and Mesopotamia. Field research, study, conservation, and dissemination, while moving beyond the Biblical bias, inspire new investigations and interpretations, questioning established models and aiming for a historical reconstruction that is as critically balanced and objective as possible.

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