



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# Contextualizing the Adoption of Pottery in the Southern Levant: A Diachronic Perspective

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## Abstract

The adoption of pottery in different areas of Southwest Asia occurred at varying rates and in different ways. In the Southern Levant, the establishment of sustained pottery production took place several centuries later than in the rest of the region, and this later onset is often interpreted as a delay. However, given the complex context in which sustained pottery production emerged, it seems more appropriate to contextualize this development while avoiding teleological pitfalls. Taking a diachronic perspective, this paper examines the mechanisms behind the rise of sustained pottery production in the Southern Levant, highlighting both continuity and discontinuity of a specific trajectory in the increasing use of containers that progressively structured settled life.

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