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# Social and Urban Geography of Late Bronze Age Ugarit. The publication project of the "Tranchée Ville Sud" (South City). Presentation and preliminary Results

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## Abstract

One of the research challenges of Ugaritic studies is to draw-up a more accurate picture of urban geo-sociology, based on a methodology that systematically compares the data from the study of material culture to those provided by the texts in a given architectural context. A project, initiated since 2017 by the Mission of Ras Shamra-Ugarit, focuses on urban structural units, such as residential areas formerly excavated by C. Schaeffer, which have not yet been the object of a detailed publication. The excavation of the "Tranchée Ville Sud" (South City) took place in 1959 and 1960 and revealed a wide range of buildings, grouped into fourteen islets, separated by a relatively dense network of streets. More than one thousand artefacts (objects and texts) have been unearthed in this trench. With the exception of the texts, only a low percentage of objects have been studied thus far. We propose to publish all the archaeological material and to undertake a contextualized study of it in order to define the organization of this urban area and the activities that took place. After presenting this collective project and its challenges, the paper will focus on some of the principal results.

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