



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# The chronology and the periodisation of the 2nd half of the II millennium BC in the central Southern Caucasus: a new perspective from Aradetis Orgora

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## Abstract

The 2nd half of the II millennium BC is one of the most studied periods in the history of the research of the Southern Caucasus and many different hypotheses of chronology and periodisation have been proposed for this period, conventionally known in literature as Late Bronze/Early Iron Age. Nonetheless, problems still remain in the definition of its chronological limits, as well as its internal periodisation and the cultural affiliation. One of the main causes of these problems is the fact that the many chronologies and periodisations proposed were mainly based on the seriation of metal objects coming from cemeteries, while excavated settlements with associated 14C dates and pottery sequences are still very few, although their number is increasing in recent years. In this context, this paper, starting from the stratigraphy of the LBA/IA levels of Aradetis Orgora, in Georgia, and their chronology, will present a new chronology and periodisation for the central regions of the Southern Caucasus based on the pottery sequence of the settlement and its parallels throughout the region.

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