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Rethinking Neolithic Architecture in the South Caucasus: Exploring Diversity and Evolution across Regions

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Abstract

The intensification of archaeological research throughout the South Caucasus over the past twenty years has provided important insights into the Neolithization process in the region. This work has yielded reliable chronological data, allowing changes during the Neolithic to be assessed.

This paper aims to examine a particular aspect of South Caucasian communities: architecture. Through research conducted by various teams in the Kvemo-Kartli plain, the middle Kura Valley, the Ararat plain, Nakhichevan, and the Mil plain, the authors seek, on one hand, to contribute to the debates on the development of architecture in the region and to explore possible connections with the Near Eastern sphere based on strict analytical criteria (materials, construction techniques, building layouts). On the other hand, they wish to examine the chrono-regional evolution of habitat in the South Caucasus to question the homogeneity or, conversely, the diversity of architecture considering research conducted elsewhere on subsistence economy, pottery, and lithic industry.

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