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Common Practices or Regional Variations? Synthesizing Agro-Sylvo-Pastoral Evidence from the Neolithic South Caucasus

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Abstract

Over the past two decades, archaeozoological and archaeobotanical analyses have significantly expanded in the South Caucasus. Concurrently, excavations at Neolithic sites have enriched our understanding of the origins and developments of agriculture and animal husbandry in this region. In this presentation, we propose a comprehensive synthesis of this bioarchaeological data to determine whether shared features in agro-sylvo-pastoral practices are observable across the South Caucasus or if regional variations are instead prominent. To this end, we will integrate data from recent excavations and explore the emergence of animal husbandry and agriculture in the Caucasus, as well as their subsequent evolution during the Neolithic. This will enable us to reconstruct the subsistence economies of populations in the region during the 6th millennium BCE.

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