



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# Title: Echoes of a disappearing landscape: the history and transformation of Iraqi Kurdistans rural settlements

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## Abstract

The conflicts and wars of the 20th century caused significant destruction to the archaeological and historical heritage of rural Iraqi Kurdistan. This project focuses on the mountain ranges and floodplains northwest of Koya in Arbil Governorate, a region devastated and depopulated by several waves of military conflict between the 1970s and 1990s. By combining oral history, analysis of the dynamics of landscape change, archaeological research and architectural analysis, the project will explore the evolution and decline of a traditional village in this part of Kurdistan, tracing its development into a modern suburban settlement. The results of this research will illuminate the socio-political and demographic changes the region has undergone in recent decades and contribute to the preservation of its cultural heritage.

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