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The Wasit Archaeological Survey in Iraq: recent results and new questions

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Abstract

Fluctuation of the Tigris course has certainly been a crucial element for the settlement history of the central Mesopotamian floodplain south of Baghdad. The implications of this phenomenon are still to be fully understood and reconstructed. Recent exploration by means of land surveying and remote sensing analysis carried out by Ca' Foscari University of Venice (recently joined by Florence University) is trying to fill in this gap focusing on the western part of the Wasit governorate. Aim of this paper is to present some of the results of the four campaigns work which allow not only to gain a first glimpse of an interesting archaeological landscape but also to appreciate the lengthy and complex history of human occupation in this part of ancient Mesopotamia, off and in between its main populated areas.

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