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The Italian Excavations in the Erbil Plain. New data from the Late Chalcolithic and Bronze Age occupation at Helawa and Aliawa

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Abstract

The excavations at Helawa and Aliawa in the southwestern Erbil plain allow reconstructing an uninterrupted and long-lasting stratified sequence, spanning from the Halaf to the late Islamic period, anchored with radiocarbon datings. The two mounds offer in fact the possibility to investigate the socio-economic development of a pre- and proto-historic settlement with a huge sequence of more than 20 meter of super-imposed phases at Helawa and the rise of a Bronze Age urban center up to the advent of the great empires (Assyrian, Seleukid and Parthian) at Aliawa. This paper presents the recent results of the last two campaigns of the Italian Archaeological Expedition in the Erbil Plain (MAIPE) of the University of Milan, focusing specifically on the Late Chalcolithic 2/3 occupation atop the mound of Helawa and on the Early Bronze Age phases at Aliawa, framing the evidence in relation with the data coming from other contemporary settlements in Northern Mesopotamia.

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