



## ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# Recent Excavations at Kültepe-Kanesh. From the rise of a central Anatolian urban power to the end of the city of Kanesh at the time of the Assyrian trade in Cappadocia (c. 2500-1700 BC)

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## Abstract

The recent excavations at Kültepe-Kanesh are investigating an imposing public building dated to the Early Bronze Age III (c. 2400-2100 BC), which occupied all the central sector of the mound, and the public district located in the south-western part of the Upper Town from the late Early Bronze to the Middle Bronze Age/Karum Period (c. 2100-1700 BC). Moreover, ongoing soundings in the Lower Town are allowing to check and refine the sequence also in north-eastern lower town, where the houses of the Assyrian merchants are located, from the very end of the 3rd millennium until the final abandonment of the town at the beginning of the 17th century BC. The paper presents the new evidence discussing the development of the occupation at Kültepe in the crucial period which was marked by the rise of urban centers in central Anatolia and the unification of the Hittite kingdom.

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