

Traditionally, the archaeology of the historical periods of the Ancient Near East has paid much attention to elite arts, the rise of early state institutions and the quarrels of “big” men. But especially since the 1990s the archaeology of households has also received evergrowing interest. It has become clear that households and household interactions do not only constitute the socioeconomic framework of emerging urban life styles but also contributed to shaping the suprahousehold institutions as more complex organized social structures evolved throughout the early Bronze Age (Pollock 1999). Archaeological approaches to the household vary from the application of ethnoarchaeological analogies (Pfälzner 2001), political economy (Pollock 1999), the question of specialized production (Wattenmaker 1998), the impact of social space (Lefebvre 1974, Delitz 2009), to the adoption of sociological categories deriving from the work of Max Weber (Schloen 2001; Hempelmann 2012). Additionally, the application of new groundbased physical sensing techniques puts us in a position where we can discuss the relationship between individual households, neighborhoods and aspects of town planning and infrastructure on a much broader scale (Meyer 2007).

This workshop will focus on households and household economies of 3rd millennium B.C.E. Upper Mesopotamia. We intend to contribute towards an exchange of ideas, share material, discuss methodological approaches and relate these aspects to the structural framework and activities of third millennium households. By inviting PhD candidates and students from other universities who work on contemporary sites from the same region we hope to enrich our understanding of our own material and enter into a dialog focused on regional and theoretical aspects, discussing the category of household in a more general context.



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Household and Household Economies in 3rd millennium BC Syro-Mesopotamia

Workshop 27 - 28 October 2012



Saturday, 27 October

Opening

- 10:30 JAN-WAALKE MEYER
Opening remarks
- 10:45 TOBIAS HELMS
Organization
- 10:50 ALEXANDER TAMM
Publication
- 11:00 FEDERICO BUCCELLATI
Understanding households - A few thoughts

Architecture

- 11:30 VITALI BARTASH
What is a „household“ in 3rd mill. Mesopotamia?
Some examples from Early Dynastic Umma
- 12:00 AHMAD SULTAN
Evidence of domestic architecture on the EB site of
Ghanem Al-Ali, Middle Euphrates (Syria)
- 12:30 NICOLE ZELSMANN
Household installations in 3rd millenium B.C.

13:00 Lunch

- 14:00 OLESIA KROMBERG
Religious space as an element of generational
continuity within an evolving urban environment
- 14:30 PATRICK BIEDERMANN
Domestic architecture at EBA Kharab Sayyar
(Area B)
- 15:00 ALEXANDER TAMM
The domestic structures in the lower town of Tell
Chuera

Material Culture

- 15:30 TOBIAS HELMS
The economy of chipped stone: production and
use of stone tools at EBA Tell Chuera
- 16:00 ELMIRA IBRAGIMOVA
The spatial analysis of mass lithic and ceramic
material: revealing the functional patterning of Tell
Hazna I
- 16:30 Coffee Break*
- 17:00 JULIETTE MAS
Early bronze age houses in upper Mesopotamia: an
evidence of dwellings or private enterprises?
- 17:30 TAOS BABOUR
The organization of pottery production in Tell
Chuera: a technological approach
- 18:00 ANNE BINDER
Glyptic evidence from the domestic areas of EBA
Chuera: first overview

Sunday, 28 October

- 10:00 LANA H HADDAD
Introducing the anthropomorphic terracotta
figurines from 3rd millennium B.C. Tell Chuera

Urban Environments

- 10:30 CAITLIN CHAVES YATES
Households and neighborhoods in an urban
environment: a case study using survey data from
Tell Mozan, Syria

- 11:00 CATHERINE HIGEL
Tell Chuera - the residential area in Lauffray's
,Sondage 3'
- 11:30 SANDRINE WASSER
The survey in the Jezireh by J. Lauffray and the
material study
- 12:00 STEPHAN SMITH
The economy of landscape: agro-pastoralism in
uncertain margins
- 12:30 Lunch*

Discussion

- 13:30 BUCCELLATI, HELMS, TAMM
Points for discussion
- 13:45 Discussion
- 18:30 BUCCELLATI, HELMS, TAMM
Closing remarks

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