

Pastoral Landscapes of the Indus Civilization: Research and Training in Pakistan Archaeology

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Abstract

I plan to study already excavated collections of animal bones from archaeological sites of the Indus Civilization. The goals of this research program are to investigate patterns of pastoral production and land use related to the emergence and dissolution of urban society and to investigate the networks that connected the Indus Civilization. This study will be undertaken as part of a workshop series for Pakistani M.A. students other archaeologists. The intellectual merit of this research program is that it brings Pakistan's first urban society into wider academic and policy discussions regarding the dynamics linking social change, the economics of agro-pastoral production, and land-use practice. The broader impact of the proposed project is that it will provide the next generation of Pakistani archaeologists with an introductory experience in faunal analysis, an area of expertise internationally recognized as an integral component of archaeological research but which remains undeveloped in Pakistan.