



Dynamics of Civilisation along the Qara Dagħ Range Perspectives on the archaeology, history and palaeoenvironment of Iraqi Kurdistan

UCL Institute of Archaeology
31-34 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PY (G6 Lecture Theatre)
Monday 16 December 2013
14:00-19:00 followed by a reception

At a crossroads between the flood plain of southern Mesopotamia, the Assyrian heartland to the north and Western Iran, the province of Sulaymaniyah (Kurdish Autonomous Region of Iraq) constitutes one of the most fertile agricultural regions of the Middle East. Archaeological research in this important region was limited for much of the later twentieth century, owing to modern political circumstances.

This conference brings together a new generation of researchers, whose fieldwork is beginning to fill out this significant gap in the archaeological, historical, and environmental record. Presentations will span the emergence of village life in the Neolithic period through to the imperial landscapes of the Iron Age, and the meeting will highlight a range of projects based at UCL, alongside those of other leading European universities, including new excavations, surveys, and reconstructions of past environments.

Speakers:

- Dorian Q Fuller (UCL): Jarmo revisited: subsistence and the emergence of village farming in the eastern Fertile Crescent
- Olivier Nieuwenhuys (Leiden): Later prehistory in the Shahrizor: a view from Begum
- David Wengrow (UCL): Gurga Ciya and Tepe Marani: new investigations into the later prehistory of the Shahrizor Plain
- Simone Mühl (LMU Munich): The Shahrizor Survey Project: exploring Wadi Shamlu in 2012 and 2013
- Aline Tenu (Maison Archéologie & Ethnologie René-Ginouvès, Paris): Kunara, a small town in the Upper Tanjaro Valley
- Mark Altaweel (UCL): The search for hidden landscapes in the Shahrizor

All welcome. No need to register.

For maps and directions see www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/contact
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