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The first salt production workshop discovered in the Manchuria Plain (Yinjiawopu site, Jilin, China)

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*Leaching pit n.1 with detailed views of wooden features and woven matting
(photograph © Pauline Sebillaud & Xiaoxi Liu)*

Recent archaeological work in the Da'an Municipality, Jilin Province, in the heart of the Manchuria Plain, identified large quantities of Liao–Jin period (ninth–thirteenth century AD) sherds on the surface associated with prominent mounds. Excavation in 2014 revealed pits, channels and well-preserved wooden structures that are related to a distinct form of salt production previously undocumented, archaeologically, in China. Distinct from the drilling of salt-water wells in Sichuan and sea-salt production in Shandong, salt at the Yinjiawopu site was obtained by scraping saline soil from the surface, which was then washed and filtered, and the brine boiled.

New evidence for international trade in Bronze Age central Anatolia: recently discovered *bullae* at Kültepe-Kanesh

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Stamp-seal impression from Kültepe-Kanesh.

Ancient Kanesh—the site of Kültepe, central Turkey—is well-known for its large corpus of Old Assyrian cuneiform tablets that document the extensive trade networks across the Near East during the Middle Bronze Age (early second millennium BC). New work at the site is investigating the Early Bronze Age (third millennium BC) phases. Excavation of a monumental public building, unique in central Anatolia at this date, suggests that Kanesh was a prosperous regional centre long before the arrival of Assyrian merchants during the second millennium BC. A collection of stamp-seal impressions and *bullae* (pieces of stamped clay used to seal packages) provides the first evidence for tags attached to goods sent from northern Mesopotamia to Anatolia before the development of the better known ‘Assyrian Trading Colonies Period’ of the Middle Bronze Age.

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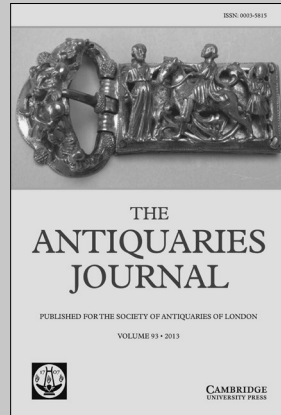
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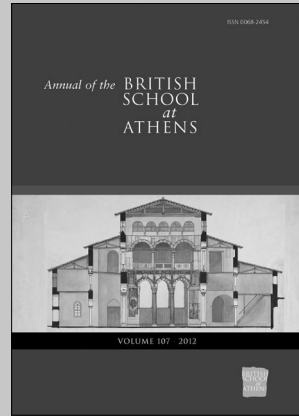
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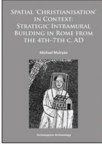


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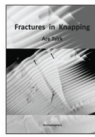


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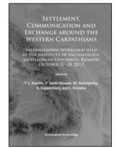
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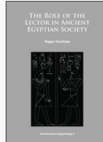
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