

## Special Issue

# Archaeological Sciences and the Development of Complexity in the Ancient Near East

### Message from the Guest Editor

The aim of this Special Issue is to investigate subsistence strategies, mobility, technological innovation, and human–environment interaction. By pushing the boundaries of material sciences, biomolecular, and geo-scientific methods, these studies generate critical evidence for how ancient communities adapted to environmental challenges and laid the foundations of increasingly complex societies.

We particularly encourage submissions that connect these methods and analytical techniques to the lived experiences of past communities, demonstrating how scientific data illuminate questions of identity, resilience, and power negotiation. Papers should situate technical findings within broader anthropological and historical debates, avoiding a narrow focus on artifacts or methods alone. By integrating scientific evidence with human-centered interpretation, this issue seeks to advance understanding of how the interplay between environment, technology, and society drove the development of complexity in the Ancient Near East.

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