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**Niğde, Kınık Höyük:
Results of the Archaeological Project of
ISAW-NYU and the University of Pavia
in Southern Cappadocia (2011-2017)**

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The site of Kınık Höyük lies in the southern fringes of the Central Anatolian region of Cappadocia, in the modern province of Niğde. Given the site's strategic position, the region was continuously occupied and traversed from Prehistory and played a particularly crucial role in historical developments of the Hittite, Neo-Hittite, Persian, Hellenistic, Roman and Medieval periods. During the Middle Iron Age (9th-8th centuries BCE), when Kınık Höyük is believed to have reached the height of its influence, the settlement was located at the heart of the kingdom of Tuwana, a poorly understood Neo-Hittite polity documented thus far by monumental inscriptions erected in Southern Cappadocia and a scattering of references in contemporary Assyrian records. Since 2011, a joint American, Italian and Turkish archaeological project has been unearthing significant information about the Achaemenid, Hellenistic and Medieval inhabitants and their daily lives, filling in the gaps of the archaeological record of this region.

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