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### **Between the Steppe and the Sown: Results from the Konya Regional Archaeological Survey Project, 2017 Season**

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This lecture will present the results of the first season of the *Konya Regional Archaeological Survey Project (KRASP)*, a multidisciplinary research programme that targets the eastern section of the Konya Plain (Çumra and Karatay districts), between the Palaeolithic and Late Ottoman times. KRASP's fieldwork area is located outside the fertile Çarşamba river delta -already explored by numerous earlier projects- and instead focuses on the surrounding steppe and highlands. The project aims at integrating previous research in the region with new survey data to provide a synthetic understanding of socioeconomic, cultural and political dynamics across the Plain and surrounding highlands, and to understand the development of human-nature interaction across time. Another component of the project aims instead at shedding light on the relation between the modern communities of the Plain with their surrounding archaeological heritage, with a particular focus on the widespread phenomenon of looting. Investigation of these marginal ecosystems has already started revealing dynamics of occupation different than, and complementary with, what we know from the densely populated alluvium. The talk will discuss evidence for prehistoric and historic mobile communities, the exploitation of highland resources, the process of territorial states formation, as well as water management in the steppe.

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