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ARIT LECTURE

Before Midas: Revisiting the Bronze Age in Western Ankara

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PLAS team conducting intensive survey on the mound of Karapınar in Polatlı, Ankara

The Polatlı Landscape Archaeology and Survey Project (PLAS) is a regional survey that aims to investigate the imperial strategies of the Hittite Empire along its western border. In this talk, I will present results from four seasons of fieldwork conducted between 2019 and 2023, offering an account of the Hittite presence in western Ankara as part of the broader Bronze Age trajectory of the region. By highlighting our findings on settlement patterns and material culture, I will compare the imperial strategies employed by the Hittites in western Ankara with those used in both the center of the empire and other frontier regions.

This lecture is online. Please register:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkcuCqjMrGtM3lces08cs4jOBsEtENie2>