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ARIT Lecture & Book Launch for

*Violence & Imagination after the Collapse:
Encounters, Identity & Daily Life in the Upper Euphrates Region, 3200-2500 BCE.*
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Remaking Society in the Early Bronze Age Upper Euphrates

by
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Tuesday, December 17, 2024, 7:00 pm (Turkish time)



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In the late fourth millennium BCE, the villages, temples, and palace of the Upper Euphrates region stood between two social worlds: the comparatively hierarchical, centrally organized Mesopotamian social tradition to the south and the comparatively egalitarian, decentralized Kura-Araxes social tradition to the north. Around 3200, BCE, people practicing these divergent ways of life came into intimate contact with each other, prompting questions that struck at the heart of what it means to live in a human community. Over the next seven centuries, this confrontation and the events it sparked fed into reactions among the region's inhabitants that ranged from cataclysmic violence to a flowering of innovation in visual culture and social arrangements. In this lecture, Akiva Sanders will present a summary of the ways in which residents of the region disassembled and reconstructed their social world in the Early Bronze Age I and II, on the occasion of the publication of a new volume that presents this story in detail, entitled *Violence & Imagination after the Collapse: Encounters, Identity & Daily Life in the Upper Euphrates Region, 3200-2500 BCE*.

This lecture is online. Please register:

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