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Typological Analysis on the Ceramic Materials from the Archeological Survey of Koya

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The Archeological Survey of Koya (ASK) Project, conducted since 2015 in the region of Koi Sanjaq/Koya, has the aim to investigate the developments of the regional settlement patterns of the region of Koi Sanjaq/Koya in Iraqi Kurdistan. The region, located between the valley of the Tigris and the foothills of the Zagros, represented historically a crossroads between Mesopotamia and West Iran. The archaeological evidence from the survey yielded an exhaustive ceramic assemblage ranging from the Neolithic to the Islamic period. This poster study will focus on the ongoing typological analysis of the ceramic materials from the Chalcolithic to the early 1st millennium BCE. The material will be arranged according to morpho-typological criteria, in order to point out the most chronological significative types that can be defined also with the use of parallels from excavated sites.

This typological analysis, combining the evidence from this *terra incognita* with those from bordering areas, such as the Erbil Plain to the northwest, and the Rania Plain to the southeast, will provide data to fill an archaeological gap between the two main cultural regions of Iraq.