

Project metadata for the Archaeology Data Service

Please complete this form as fully as possible with details of your project. This data will form the basis of an entry about your dataset in the ADS Catalogue, and underpins the computerised searching process that allows users to discover and retrieve information.

- **1. Title** please indicate the title (and any alternatives) for the dataset. Neo-Assyrian Palace Ware
- **2. Description** please provide a brief summary (max. 200-300 words) of the main aims and objectives of the project and the content of the dataset.

The Neo-Assyrian Palace Ware project is based on a dissertation written in partial fulfilment of the requirements for Doctor of Philosophy in Archaeological Materials Analysis at UCL Institute of Archaeology. The research involved the synthetic archaeological and archaeometric analysis of Assyrian Palace Ware, a 8-7th century B.C.E. ceramic drab-ware, to evaluate its social function and semiotic significance across the Neo-Assyrian imperial landscape. Social function was evaluated by analysis of those formal and fabric characteristics which describe the relationship between the vessel and its cultural audience, while semiotic value was measured by the perpetuation and modification of these characteristics.

Definitional criteria (formal and fabric) were determined for Palace Ware through the morphometric and petrographic analysis of vessels from the Neo-Assyrian imperial core, Aššur, Nineveh and Nimrud. These criteria were used to evaluate vessels from the annexed provinces, Dūr-Katlimmu and Guzana, and unincorporated territories such as Tell Jemmeh.

The main aim of the current project is to make the chemical and petrographic data from this dissertation available for comparative purposes and future studies.

3. Subject - please suggest keywords for the subject content of the dataset. If possible, please used existing documentation standards (e.g. The RCHME thesaurus of Monument Types, the MDA Archaeological Object Name thesaurus) and indicate which standard you are following. If you use a documentation standard unique to your organisation, it would be extremely helpful if you could send a copy of it with your dataset.

MDA objects thesaurus: drinking vessel, carinated cup, carinated bowl, ceremonial object

4. Coverage - please give the current and contemporary name(s) of the country, region, county, town or village covered by the data collection. If names or administrative units were different during the time period covered by the data please record them separately. Please give the dates/period covered by the dataset.

Coverage: NIMRUD, Mosul, Iraq; NINEVEH, Mosul, Iraq; ASSUR, Salah al-Din

Governate, Iraq; TALL SHEIKH HAMAD, Lower Khabur, Syria; TELL JEMMEH, Negev, Israel

Iron Age, 850-650 B.C.E.,

5. Creators - please list details about the creator(s), compiler(s), funding agencies, or other bodies or people intellectually responsible for the data collection. Information can include forename, surname, affiliation, address, phone, fax, email, or URL.

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- **6. Publisher** please list details about any organisation which has published this data.
- **7. Identifiers** any project or reference numbers used by you or your organisation to identify the dataset e.g. OASIS ID, NMR ID, HER/SMR IDs, sitecodes, etc.
- **8. Dates** when the dataset was created, when the archaeological project was carried out, processing dates, or computerisation dates as appropriate. 9/2007 9/2012
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'And I Called Them Assyrians': An Archaeological and Archaeometric Analysis of Neo-Assyrian Palace Ware - unpublished PhD dissertation, held by UCL. No other information available at the present.

11. Language - please indicate which language(s) your dataset is in (e.g. English, French, Swahili).

English

12. Resource Type - is this dataset best described as primary data, processed data, an interpretation of data, or a final report?

Primary data

13. Format - please indicate what format your data is saved in (e.g. WordPerfect 5.1, HTML, AutoCAD).

MS Word .doc, MS Excel .xls, JPEG, TIFF