

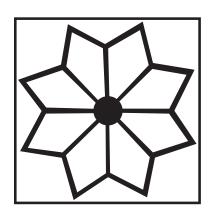
CURRENT RESEARCH AT KÜLTEPE-KANESH

An Interdisciplinary and Integrative Approach to Trade Networks, Internationalism, and Identity

Edited by Levent Atici, Fikri Kulakoğlu, Gojko Barjamovic, and Andrew Fairbairn

THE JOURNAL OF CUNEIFORM STUDIES
SUPPLEMENTAL SERIES
Number 4

CURRENT RESEARCH AT KÜLTEPE-KANESH



Journal of Cuneiform Studies Supplemental Series

Piotr Michalowski Series Editor

Associate Editors

Gary Beckman, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*Geoffrey Emberling, *University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*Eckart Frahm, *Yale University*Piotr Steinkeller, *Harvard University*Matthew W. Stolper, *The Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago*Niek Veldhuis, *University of California, Berkeley*

Number 4 CURRENT RESEARCH AT KÜLTEPE-KANESH

CURRENT RESEARCH AT KÜLTEPE-KANESH

An Interdisciplinary and Integrative Approach to Trade Networks, Internationalism, and Identity

edited by

Levent Atici, Fikri Kulakoğlu, Gojko Barjamovic, and Andrew Fairbairn



RECENT RESEARCH AT KÜLTEPE-KANESH

Copyright © 2014 by Lockwood Press

Published by Lockwood Press on behalf of the American Schools of Oriental Research.

All rights reserved. No part of this work may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and recording, or by means of any information storage or retrieval system, except as may be expressly permitted by the 1976 Copyright Act or in writing from the publisher. Requests for permission should be addressed in writing to Lockwood Press, PO Box 133289, Atlanta, GA 30333 USA.

Library of Congress Control Number: 2014931461

ISBN: 978-1-937040-19-2 (hardcover; Lockwood Press); 978-0-897570-09-1 (ASOR)

Printed in the United States of America on acid-free paper.

CONTENTS

Inti	roduction: Integrating Current Research at Kültepe-Kanesh Levent Atici, Fikri Kulakoğlu, Gojko Barjamovic, and Andrew Fairbairn	1		
1:	Kültepe-Kanesh in the Early Bronze Age Sabahattin Ezer	5		
2:	The Lower Town of Kültepe: Urban Layout and Population Thomas Klitgaard Hertel	25		
3:	The Size of Kanesh and the Demography of Early Middle Bronze Age Anatolia <i>Gojko Barjamovic</i>	55		
4:	Considerations on the Assyrian Settlement at Kanesh Cécile Michel	69		
5:	Kanesh after the Assyrian Colony Period: Current Research at Kültepe and the Question of the End of the Bronze Age Settlement Fikri Kulakoğlu	85		
6:	An Archaeological Survey in the Vicinity of Kültepe, Kayseri Province, Turkey Ryoichi Kontani, Hiroshi Sudo, Yuji Yamaguchi, Yuichi S. Hayakawa, and Takahiro Odaka	95		
7:	The Old Assyrian Glyptic Style: An Investigation of a Seal Style, Its Owners, and Place of Production Agnete Wisti Lassen	107		
8:	Behind the Scenes: A Look at Seal Carvers as Artists and Artisans in the Old Assyrian Period <i>Oya Topcuoğlu</i>	123		
9:	Metal Technology, Organization, and the Evolution of Long-Distance Trade at Kültepe Joseph W. Lehner	135		
10:	Human Remains from Kültepe-Kanesh: Preliminary Results of the Old Assyrian Burials from the 2005–2008 Excavations Handan Üstündağ	157		
11:	Preliminary Archaeobotanical Investigations of Plant Production, Consumption, and Trade at Bronze Age Kültepe-Kanesh Andrew Fairbairn	177		
12:	Food and Ethnicity at Kültepe-Kanesh: Preliminary Zooarchaeological Evidence Levent Atici	195		
Coı	ncluding Remarks: Kanesh, the City Norman Yoffee	213		
Sou	Source Index			
Sub	Subject Index			

ABBREVIATIONS

AA Archäologischer Anzeiger

AASOR Annual of the American Schools of Oriental Research

ACP Assyrian Colony period

AfO Archiv für Orientforschung

AJA American Journal of Archaeology

AKT Ankara Kültepe tabletleri

AnSt Anatolian Studies
A/O Affected/Observed

AOAT Alter Orient und Altes Testament AoF Altorientalische Forschungen

APSD Automatic Panorama Shooting Device

ARMT Archives royales de Mari AS Assyriological Studies

AuOr Aula Orientalis

ASOR American Schools of Oriental Research

AST Arkeometri Sonuçları Toplantısı

ATHE B. Kienast, Die altassyrischen Texte des Orientalischen Seminars in Heidelberg und der

Sammlung Erlenmeyer (= UAVA 1, 1960)

AuOr Aula Orientalis

BASOR Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research

BBVO Berliner Beiträge zum Vorderen Orient

BIN Babylonian inscriptions in the Collection of J. B. Nies BMECCJ Bulletin of the Middle Eastern Culture Center in Japan

BW bone weight

CCAC Central Anatolian Crystalline Complex

CAD The Assyrian Dictionary of the University of Chicago

CCT Cuneiform Texts from Cappadocian Tablets in the British Museum

CDOG Colloquien der Deutschen Orient-Gesellschaft

cm centimeter CO cribra orbitalia

CS H. Frankfort, Cylinder Seals (London, 1939, repr. 1965)

D dominance index

DBH Dresdner Beiträge zur Hethitologie

EBA Early Bronze Age
eMBA early Middle Bronze Age

ENES B. Buchanan, Early Near Eastern Seals in the Yale Babylonian Collection (New Haven,

1981)

Ep. Epistle

FAOS Beihefte Freiburger Altorientalische Studien Beihefte: Altassyrische Texte und Untersuchungen

GNSS Global Navigation Satellite System

Gol. W. Golenischeff, Vingt-quatre tablettes cappadociennes (St. Petersburg, 1891)

GPR ground penetrating radar
GPS global positioning system
H Shannon diversity index

HANE/M History of the Ancient Near East (/M = Monographs)

HO Handbuch der Orientalistik

HSAO Heidelberger Studien zum alten Orient

IA Iron Age

ICK Inscriptions cunéiformes du Kultépé, I: B. Hrozný; II: L. Matouš (Prague, 1952/1962)

JAOS Journal of the American Oriental Society

JCS Journal of Cuneiform Studies

JEOL Jaarbericht van het Voor-Aziatisch-Egyptisch-Gezelschap Ex Oriente Lux

JESHO Journal of the Economic and Social History of the Orient

JFA Journal of Field Archaeology JNES Journal of Near Eastern Studies

JSOTSup Journal for the Study of the Old Testament Supplement Series Ka tablet in the Istanbul Archaeological Museums (Turkey)

KAYAP Kayseri Arkeolojik Yüzey Araştırması Projesi

KEL Kültepe Eponym List

KIM Kültepe International Meeting
Kt inventory numbers of Kültepe texts

LBA Late Bronze Age

LEH linear enamel hypoplasia LRF Laser Range Finder MBA Middle Bronze Age

mm millimeter

MNE minimum number of elements
MNI minimum number of individuals

n number

NF number of fragments

NISP number of identified specimens
OBO Orbis Biblicus et Orientalis

OA Old Assyrian
OA osteoarthritis

OIC Oriental Institute Communications

OIP The University of Chicago Oriental Institute Publications

PH porotic hyperostosis

PIHANS Publications de l'Institut historique-archéologique néerlandais de Stamboul

PRAK H. de Genouillac, Premières recherches archéologiques à Kich. Mission d'Henri de Ge-

nouillac 1911-1912, I/II (Paris, 1924/1925)

PRST periosteal reactions

PSD Pennsylvania Sumerian Dictionary

RA Revue d'assyriologie et d'archéologie orientale

REL Revised Eponym List
RHA Revue hittite et asianique

SCCNH Studies on the Civilization and Culture of Nuzi and the Hurrians

sd standard deviation

SMEA Studi Micenei ed Egeo-Anatolici

sp. species, indicating that the genus is known but the species cannot be determined

TC Tablettes cappadociennes du Louvre (Paris)

TPAK C. Michel and P. Garelli, Tablettes paléo-assyriennes de Kültepe, Vol. 1 (Kt 90/k) (Paris,

1997)

TTKY Türk Tarih Kurumu Yayınları

VS Vorderasiatische Schriftdenkmäler der (Königlichen) Museen zu Berlin

WO Die Welt des Orients

ZA Zeitschrift für Assyriologie und vorderasiatische Archäologie

CONCLUDING REMARKS: KANESH, THE CITY

Norman Yoffee, University of Michigan

Moses Finley wrote, dyspeptically, about the archaeology of ancient cities (by which he meant, of course, Greek and Roman cities) and the archaeologists who study ancient cities: "It is difficult, perhaps impossible to catch the 'feel' of an ancient city. What we see is either a ruin or a shadow overlain by centuries of subsequent habitation. Nothing can be deader than the models or reconstructions of ancient buildings and districts: they may serve to recreate the formal interactions of the architects but they mislead badly in recreating the living reality within a living community (Finley 1987–1989, 309).

He might as well have been talking about ancient historians, especially historians of the ancient Near East. Their data are similarly fragmentary, only shedding disparate points of life on ancient lifeways, and historians are challenged to connect these points into a picture of a living community (although many are content to avoid the problems of speculation entirely). Moreover, if we have urban textual lampposts and "reconstructions of ancient buildings and districts," can we know how ancient cities came to be, how people lived and understood their lives in ancient cities, and how cities flourished, changed, and collapsed?

This volume reflects on these kinds of questions by bringing together historians, archaeologists, bioarchaeologists, ethnobotanists, zooarchaeologists, and other specialists. The unassailable proposition is that by exchanging information from various datasets one can achieve a fuller picture of ancient life at Kanesh. For ancient historians and economic historians, Kanesh is mainly known from the work of the brave and talented Old Assyrianists who have studied the texts written by the Assyrian merchants at the site. The archaeological work of Tahsin Özgüç and his team has been critical, but in a Finleyian sense, mainly disconnected from the historical studies. The team now led by Fikri Kulakoğlu is changing the structure of research on Kanesh, the Anatolian city, not simply the outpost of Old Assyrian merchants. This volume is a record of their progress.

There is, however, the warning of Finley that must be heeded: even if we have an enormous amount of data from the various disciplines of research on Kanesh, is there not a positivist trap? The new data, no matter how complementary and supplementary (and possibly also contradictory) from the various sources, will never yield a full or possibly even a satisfactory understanding of life at Kanesh. How, then, to proceed?

Thanks to Levent Atıcı for the invitation to discuss the ASOR panel in November, 2012 and to the participants who provided the material upon which this chapter is based. In addition to the comprehensive bibliographies supplied by the authors, one may add Veenhof 2013. I do not clutter this brief essay with copious references to data and studies by archaeologists and historians of Kanesh.

^{1.} In addition to the references cited by the authors, see the superb catalogue with informative essays and superlative illustrations in Kulakoğlu and Kangal (2010). Many thanks to Fikri Kulakoğlu for the gift of this volume.

One avenue of research that is not represented in this volume is to examine what we know about ancient cities more generally. Can a comparative perspective on urbanism lead us to ask new questions about Kanesh, to imagine how the city was formed, how Kaneshites interacted, how the urban landscape reflected and shaped the conditions of social life?

There have been many excellent studies of ancient Near Eastern cities, such as the settlement pattern surveys of Adams and Nissen that reveal the growth and change in Mesopotamian urbanism (1981), the valuable overviews of city life by Stone (e.g., 2007) and the impressive synthesis of Van De Mieroop (1997), and perhaps the most detailed study of both textual and archaeological sources on cities by Keith (1998) as well as many other individual studies of cities that are too many to enumerate here.² And there are some recent books on early cities all over the planet, for example, Storey 2006, Smith 2003, Marcus and Sabloff 2008.³ And, in the interest of full disclosure, I am editing a volume on early cities and comparative history.⁴ Can we look at Kanesh in the perspective of the world history of early cities? Does the city of Kanesh have significance beyond the borders of ancient Near Eastern history?

First, is there a definition of a city? The sages have weighed in:5

- A city is a permanent settlement that is areally rather large and has quite a few people, in fact, thousands of them, who live quite closely together and are socially diverse.
- In a city there are leaders and their minions who keep track of people and things that enter and leave the city.
- A city has a center with impressive architecture that affords and/or restricts political, social, and/or ideological activity.
- A city depends on a surplus of foodstuffs that are produced in the related countryside for the benefit of those in the city.
- A city provides certain services and manufactured goods to people in the countryside and receives, through long-distance trade, luxury and utilitarian goods.
- A city promotes a sense of civic identity to the people living in the city and to those in its related hinterland.
- And, a city is characterized by a quality of social drama (to be polite about it) because of the various and competing cultural and economic groups in the city.

Naturally, there may be discontent with the smorgasbord-like "definition" of a city, whose parts are in fact gleaned from thinkers in many fields. Although I may be accused (rightly) of avoiding a single and tidy definition of "the city," I submit that, *together*, these partial "definitions" are in fact variables in an ideal-typical model (in the Weberian sense) of cities. These variables can structure research. There will be many exceptions and qualifications to these variables. In any case, the search for a definition of early cities so that archaeologists can identify a city, as opposed to other forms of settlement, is a relic of disco-age archaeology. Modern social theory on early cities concerns how cities are structured, what leaders in cities do and also what they do not do, how people in cities worked and worshipped, why many early cities are fragile, resisted incorporation into territorial states, as well as a host of other activities and behaviors that can be studied in light of the variables of urban life that are posited above. The following review of ongoing research on Kanesh highlights the potential utility of the model.

Kanesh is large. It is larger than the city of Assur itself, perhaps much larger (according to Barjamovic and Hertel, this volume). It consists of a citadel, or "upper city," with "early palaces," an "administrative building," then later the major "Warshama palace," and two temples (Kulakoğlu 2013). Possible domestic structures and workshops remain to be explored. The "lower city," formerly called the *kārum*, "encircles" or "surrounds the mound," or

^{2.} I cannot omit the pioneering study by Rivkah Harris (1975) and the newest book by Mario Liverani (2013).

^{3.} See the review of these books by Yoffee (2009).

^{4.} Yoffee in press.

^{5.} The following is taken from Yoffee and Terrenato in press.

citadel, "from the north, east, and south ... in the shape of a crescent" (Kulakoğlu 2013, 40). Michel (this volume and in other essays) considers the *kārum* a socio-legal institution or "corporation" (Veenhof 2013, 35). That is, as Michel, Barjamovic, and Hertel emphasize (in this volume), the lower city includes many Anatolians who were formally not part of the *kārum*. Domestic structures in the lower city were dense (Hertel, this volume) and the extent of occupation seems to have encompassed around two hundred hectares (Barjamovic, this volume). Several tens of thousands of people lived in Kanesh in the early second millennium BCE.

The population of Kanesh was extremely diverse. There are Hattians, Assyrians, Hurrians, Hittites, Luwians, and others (Barjamovic, Hertel, and Larsen 2011; Michel 2011; Veenhof 2008). Michel (among others) writes about Anatolian merchants and families who lived in mixed residential sectors, how Anatolians learned Assyrian, and about the marriages of Assyrian men and Anatolian women (Michel 2008, 2009, 2013, in press). She has reconstructed sections of Anatolian kinship structures, especially the bilateral pattern of descent and property rights. In divorces, Anatolian women received compensation.

Tahsin Özgüç (1975) famously claimed that only because of the textual sources can one detect different ethnicities at Kanesh, because the material culture of the site does not reveal such social distinctions. However, as Topçuoğlu and Lassen have shown (in this volume), seals clearly show Assyrian as opposed to Anatolian design; furthermore the tablets themselves, inscribed in distinctive Old Assyrian script, are themselves items of material culture. Nevertheless, Özgüç's observation does highlight an important aspect of the interactions between Assyrians and Anatolians. That is, some Assyrians had Anatolian wives, who used Anatolian cookware, and Anatolian architects were the ones who built Assyrian as well as Anatolian houses. The Assyrians, who were subject to Anatolian rule, in any case, had no interest in demonstrating their Assyrian-ness to Anatolians through their domestic material culture.

It is one of the goals of Atici's zooarchaeological studies (this volume) to explore whether Assyrians and Anatolians had different food preferences. These studies can also contribute to our understanding of waste management in cities, since pigs and dogs would have played a large role in controlling waste.

The countryside of Kanesh consisted of many villages that were part of the hinterland of the city (Kontani et al., this volume). These villages and the agricultural countryside supplied fruits and nuts (Fairbairn, this volume) to Kanesh. A large amount of wood from outside the city was presumably needed to keep the inhabitants of Kanesh warm in winter and for cooking. More research may yield further results of the connection of Kanesh to the countryside. Likewise, a larger sample of material can provide Üstündağ the needed data to discuss health at Kanesh

Kanesh, in turn, produced metal goods (Lehner, this volume) in workshops in the lower city, and some of these tools must have been used in agricultural tasks. It is not known how these goods were distributed, although the palace clearly had an interest in metallurgy since there was a "chief of the smiths." Apparently, in the southern section of the lower city, there were "industrial installations" (Hertel, this volume). Early cities characteristically were also centers of ritual and performance, and people from the countryside came to early cities as pilgrims and for festivals and markets. Exploration of open spaces in the upper city might indicate the presence of feasts. Cities were, among other things, arenas of performance (Baines, Stark, and Houston in press).

Finally, studies of urban change at Kanesh are being pursued by the team of Kulakoğlu. Ezer, in this volume, discusses the Early Bronze city of Kanesh, which was important before the second millennium; this was presumably one of the things that attracted Assyrians to the city. Of course, Mesopotamians knew about Anatolia for millennia in prehistoric times as, for example, studies of obsidian distribution have shown. The "Uruk expansion" into Anatolia, and the stories of Sargon's adventures in the region are also indications of long-standing Mesopotamian—Anatolian relations. Kulakoğlu reviews reasons for the collapse of the city because of tectonic activity, and this research, like the other technical reports in the volume, promises many new and important insights into the city.

In this brief discussion of the essays in this volume, I have, obviously, not attempted to synthesize the studies and have only adumbrated the many and excellent essays of the international mafia of Old Assyrian scholars. These brilliant studies have not only transformed the history of the ancient Near East, but also have forced revision of

the entire field of economic history. Is the Old Assyrian mercantile system a unique case, or is the entrepreneurial nature of trade, in which the state is an interested but not organizing agent, a feature of other periods of Mesopotamian history?

Debate on this last question may or not be resolved on the basis of new discoveries of textual data and/or new studies of existing data. In any event, research on the nature of Kanesh, the city, is certainly going to go forward, and the chapters in this volume are simply the prologue of an exciting future of work at Kültepe. If our understanding of ancient economies has been revolutionized from the study of Old Assyrian texts, research into Kanesh as a city, now with historians and archaeologists working together, is going to deepen significantly our knowledge of how ancient cities worked. This research will influence not only Near Eastern specialists, but also the wide, wonderful world of urban studies.

References

Adams, R. McC., and Nissen, H. J.

1981 Heartland of Cities: Surveys of Ancient Settlement and Land Use on the Central Floodplain of the Euphrates. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Baines, J.; Stark, M.; Houston, S.; and Garrison, T.

in press Cities and Performance. In Cambridge World History. Vol. 3: Early States and Comparative History, ed. N. Yoffee. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Barjamovic, G.; Hertel, T.; and Larsen, M. T.

2011 *Ups and Downs at Kanesh: Chronology, History and Society in the Old Assyrian Period.* PIHANS 120. Leiden: Nederelands Instituut vor het Nabije Oosten.

Finley, M.

1987-89 The City. Opus 6-8: 303-15.

Harris, R.

1975 Ancient Sippar: A Demographic Study of an Old Babylonian City (1984–1595). Leiden: Nederlands Historisch-Archaeologisch Instituut te Istanbul.

Keith, K.

1998 Cities, Neighborhoods, and Houses: Urban Spatial Organization in Old Babylonian Mesopotamia. PhD dissertation. University of Michigan.

Kulakoğlu, F.

Kültepe Kanesh Karum: The Earliest International Trade Center in Anatolia. Pp. 40–51 in *Anatolia's Prologue: Kultepe Kanesh Karum, Assyrians in Istanbul*, ed. F. Kulakoğlu and S. Kangal. Kayseri: Kayseri Metropolitan Municipality Cultural Publication No. 78.

Kulakoğlu, F., and Kangal, S., eds.

2010 Anatolia's Prologue: Kultepe Kanesh Karum, Assyrians in Istanbul. Kayseri: Kayseri Metropolitan Municipality Cultural Publication No. 78.

Liverani, M.

2013 Immaginare Babele: Due Secoli di Studi sulla città orientale antica. Rome: Laterza.

Marcus, J., and Sabloff, J., eds.

2008 The Ancient City: New Perspectives on Ancient Urbanism. Santa Fe: School of American Research Press.

Michel, C.

2008 Les Assyriens et leurs femmes anatoliennes. Pp. 209–29 in Anatolia and the Jezira during the Old Assyrian Period, ed. J. G. Dercksen. PIHANS 111. Leiden: Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten.

2009 Les femmes et l'écrit dan les archives paléo-assyriennes (XIX° s. av. J.-C.). Pp. 253–72 in *Femmes, cultures et societies dans les civilizations méditerranéennes et proches-orientales de l'Antiquité*, ed. F. Briquel-Chatonnet, S. Fares, B. Lion, and C. Michel. Topoi, Suppl. 10. Lyon: Maison de l'Orient et de la Méditerranée.

The Private Archives from Kaniš Belonging to Anatolians. *AoF* 38: 94–115.

in press Central Anatolia in the 19th and 18th Centuries B.C. In *Constituent, Confederate, and Conquered Space in Upper Mesopotamia*, ed. N. Brisch, E. Cancik-Kirschbaum and J. Eidem. Topoi.

Özgüç, T.

1963 An Assyrian Trading Post. Scientific American 1963, 208: 96–106

Smith, M., ed.

2003 The Social Construction of Ancient Cities. Washington, DC: Smithsonian Institution Press.

Stone, E.

The Mesopotamian Urban Experience. Pp. 213–34 in *Settlement and Society: Essays Dedicated to Robert McCormick Adams*, ed. E. C. Stone. Los Angeles: Cotsen Institute of Archaeology.

Storey, G., ed.

2006 Urbanism in the Preindustrial World: Cross-Cultural Approaches. Tuscaloosa: University of Alabama Press.

Van de Mieroop, M.

1997 The Ancient Mesopotamian City. Oxford: Clarendon.

Veenhof, K.

2008 The Old Assyrian Period. Pp. 13–264 in *Mesopotamia: The Old Assyrian Period*, ed. M Wäfler. OBO 160/5. Fribourg: Academic Press; Göttingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht.

2009 Making Ancient Cities Plausible. Reviews in Anthropology 38: 264–89

2013 The Archives of Old Assyrian Traders: Their Nature, Functions and Use. Pp. 27–61 in *Archives and Archival Docu*ments in Ancient Societies, ed. M. Faraguna. Trieste: Università degli Studi di Trieste.

Yoffee, N., ed.

in press Early Cities and Comparative History. Vol. 3 of Cambridge World History, ed. M. Wiesner-Hanks. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

Yoffee, N., and Terrenato, N.

in press A History of the Study of Early Cities. In *Cambridge World History*. Vol. 3: *Early Cities and Comparative History*, ed. N. Yoffee. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.