The discovery of the Shimao site in northern Shaanxi, the largest Neolithic stone walled settlement in China (>400 ha; ca. 2300-1800 cal. BCE), revealed a unique trajectory to urbanism in China. This once powerful kingdom centered around Shimao was completely unknown in ancient textual records. The discovery challenges previous understandings of sociopolitical changes in early complex society over a broader region on the eve of the Chinese dynastic civilization.

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