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The First Neolithic Urban Center on China's Loess Plateau:

Discovery and Interpretation of the Shimao Site

Tang Special Annual Lecture in Archaeology, 2017-2018

Friday, September 22, 2017 | 1:00 – 6:00 PM | 403 Kent Hall
Columbia University | 1140 Amsterdam Ave (W. 116th St.)

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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