

LATE PLEISTOCENE TO EARLY HOLOCENE SETTLEMENT ON THE KONYA PLAIN

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This paper analyses the development of settlement on the Konya Plain from the late Pleistocene to the early Holocene, that is Epipalaeolithic to Ceramic Neolithic. It places the well known sites of Can Hasan III and Çatalhöyük into context, in the light of evidence from the survey and excavation of new Epipalaeolithic and Neolithic sites on the Konya plain. The lithics and ceramics from these new sites are considered, in order to place them in their chronological and cultural context, and to make some provisional judgements about the role of these sites within wider settlement systems.

This evidence, in conjunction with information relating to palaeoenvironments, is used to develop a tentative reconstruction of the dynamic and structure of the settlement of the plain by communities introducing agriculture and pastoralism.