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KULAL TEPA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY

A STORY OF ONE VALLEY IN THE KUGITANG FOOTHILLS, UZBEKISTAN

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The Kulal Tapa Archaeological Project (Charles University – Termez State University) focuses on a small rural settlement in southern Uzbekistan to better understand economic patterns during the Antique period in the foothills of Northern Bactria. This presentation outlines the survey component of the project, presenting recent data collected over four field seasons (2023–2025). By combining a large-scale systematic surface survey with other methods (e.g., remote sensing, extensive survey, metal detecting, geophysics), the project evaluates past land use in the valley surrounding Kulal Tapa from a long-term perspective. Our data suggest that this valley was used predominantly on a seasonal basis throughout history. However, the identified artefact scatters indicate a peak period of intensive agricultural activity in Late Antiquity, coinciding with the settlement's main occupation phase. These findings reflect transformations in human ecology within this foothill environment, which are likely linked to broader socioeconomic changes in Bactria following the decline of the Kushan Empire.

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