**PRODUCTION, CONSUMPTION AND DISPOSAL:**
**A CONSIDERATION OF SPATIAL VARIATION IN FAUNAL DISTRIBUTIONS**
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**Distinctions between buildings and alley**

**QUESTION:** Are there differences in food consumption between houses/households in early state societies, particularly within same neighborhood?

**DOMESTIC QUARTER:**
- 4 buildings + alleyway
- Non-elite residential neighbourhood

**TAXONOMIC DIVERSITY**
- Similar between buildings (slight differences in wild)
- Low taxa diversity
- Ovicaprids dominate, then cattle
- No pig
- Domesticids dominate

**BODY PART DISTR.**
- Building 104311 different than all others
- Higher status? (stone floor)
- Thorax preferred
- Highest wild %

**ALLEYWAY**
- Different than all buildings
- Dumping ground
- Generally low wild
- Highest domestic %
- Greater variety of distal limbs

**RITUAL FINDS**
- Donkey sacrificial burial in Building 114206

**ADMINISTRATION**
- Cylinder seal
- Building 114805

**CONCLUSIONS**
- Differences in fauna between buildings - No dramatic in spite of architecture and special finds
- Taxa diversity - minimal
- Wild – slight differences
- Domestic – only rarer taxa differ

**IMPLICATIONS**
- Dietary differences - minimal between buildings
- Major difference between alley and buildings

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