

Slow Summer



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The Slow Sumer Workshop, Repair, Reuse, Recycling and Mesopotamian Society, invites scholars to reimagine the ancient Near East through the prism of cyclical economies and sustainable practices. Organized by the Italian Institute of Oriental Studies (Sapienza University of Rome) and the Museo Storico della Fisica e Centro Studi e Ricerche "Enrico Fermi", in collaboration with ARWA, this international event will unfold over three half-day sessions designed to accommodate participants connecting from across the globe. From the lifecycle of macrolithic tools and the reuse of building materials to the recycling of bitumen and the transformation of funerary practices, the workshop interrogates how ancient Mesopotamian societies engaged with their material world. By framing these practices within contemporary debates on circularity and resource management, Slow Sumer seeks to foster a critical dialogue between past and present, highlighting the relevance of archaeology for understanding long-term strategies of sustainability.

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