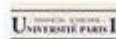


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Presentation

Mesopotamia in the late 3rd millennium BC is known as the land of wool. Indeed, local socio-economic developments and improvements in techniques for the manufacture of woollen threads and fabrics led to increased production. Large-scale factories began to produce fabrics and clothing in unprecedented quantities. This situation radically altered the natural environment, the political landscape, and international trade networks. The twenty-two chapters in the present volume analyze the impact of wool in the ancient Near

East and the Aegean. They focus on the various aspects of wool production and its economic uses through an interdisciplinary approach : archaeology, philology, history, archaeozoology, and experimental archaeology.

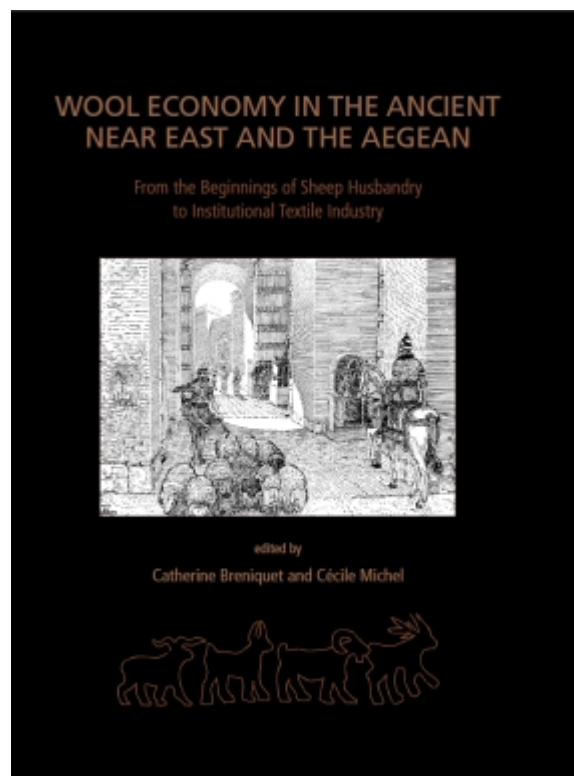


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