

# ARCH/BIOANTH LUNCH TALK

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# *ANIMALS IN THE KERMA AFTERLIFE: SHEEP, GOAT, AND DOG BURIALS IN ABU FATIMA CEMETERY, SUDAN*

Located near the Third Cataract of the Nile River, Abu Fatima cemetery contains human and animal burials from the Ancient, Middle and Classic Kerma periods (2500-1500 BCE). Excavations from 2015 to 2017 yielded the remains of two goats (*Capra hircus*), two sheep (*Ovis aries*) and one dog (*Canis familiaris*) and each species was buried differently. A comparison of species-specific burial patterns at Abu Fatima with those at the Royal Cemetery at Kerma suggests a variety of important roles for animals in the Kerma afterlife including companionship, wealth and nourishment.

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