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CBRL Publications – Ethics Statement

Research undertaken in occupied areas

In general *Levant* and *Contemporary Levant* will not publish research that has been undertaken in occupied territory and its contiguous waters as recognised by the United Nations and/or the British Government. However, when permission of the competent national authorities of the occupied territory has been obtained by the researcher, or in the case of material heritage and archaeology such research is crucial to safeguard, record or preserve the archaeological heritage of the occupied territory, publication may be considered.

Organisations/institutions in occupied areas

Levant and *Contemporary Levant* do not normally consider for publication, research undertaken under the auspices of organisations/institutions established in occupied territories and their contiguous waters as recognised by the United Nations and/or the British Government.

Provenance of undocumented objects

CBRL will not serve as the initial place of publication for any unprovenanced object (an object without a defined archaeological findspot and/or documented history of legitimate ownership under the relevant antiquities laws) acquired by an individual or an institution after 24 April 1972, the date when the UNESCO convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property came into force. An exception may be made if, in the view of the Editors(s), the publication sufficiently clarifies and justifies the object's acquisition history.

Human Remains

It is the responsibility of *Levant* and *Contemporary Levant* to ensure that the publication of human remains is undertaken with respect, discretion, and dignity, and, whenever possible, with the appropriate consultation with descendant communities.

It is expected that all research has been vetted and approved by the relevant ethical review boards. In all cases, final decisions regarding publication in a CBRL publication remain at the discretion of the Editors and Editorial Board.

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