

Prehistoric Pottery from the Ancient Near East - Discussion themes

Monday May 6 – Introduction & History Pottery Studies

1) Orton, C, P. Tyers & Vince, A.

1993 “History of Pottery Studies”, in: C. Orton, P. Tyers, and A. Vince, *Pottery in Archaeology*, Cambridge, Cambridge University Press: 3–22.

1) Bernbeck, R. and Nieuwenhuysse, O.P.

2012 Selected part from "Established paradigms, current disputes and emerging themes: the state of research on the Late Neolithic in Upper Mesopotamia", in: Nieuwenhuysse, O.P., Bernbeck, R., Akkermans, P.M.M.G. and Rogasch, J. (eds.), *Interpreting the Late Neolithic of Upper Mesopotamia*, Turnhout, Brepols.

Read the two pieces of literature. Think about it for a while, have some coffee, then write down your thoughts on the following two questions:

1) Why would you want to study pottery?

2) What problems do Bernbeck and Nieuwenhuysse identify in making a Late Neolithic chronology on the basis of pottery?

Make sure your answers reach me latest Tuesday evening. We shall discuss these issues with the group on Wednesday afternoon.