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The spread of agriculture into Central Eurasia and the Third Millennium B.C. corridor of exchange

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Bronze and Iron Age peoples of Inner Asia helped drive social developments across Europe and Asia. Archaeologically, their economy is usually assumed to be pastoral; however, a growing number of archaeobotanical analyses in recent years are showing that economy was diverse and that agriculture played an important role. This talk contrasts macrobotanical material from across much of this geographic region, showing that:

1) agriculture was present in this region as far back as the third millennium B.C., millennia earlier than previously thought; and 2) a distinct package of crops spread along the mountains of Central Asia, linking East and Southwest Asia.



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