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The issue of “gaps” in the archaeological record: the case study of Medieval settlement in Petra, Jordan

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Photo: Petra and Baydha seen from the Shara mountains. Photo by Micaela Sinibaldi

The sources of history, and archaeological sources in particular, are, by their own nature, bound to have important gaps in evidence, but it is crucial to distinguish between a gap in the sources, a perceived gap and a gap in the original document. The case study of Petra and Jordan in the Medieval period are ideal to illustrate this issue. For a long time, a commonly held notion was that the Petra valley and region had been abandoned for the whole Medieval period apart from a short parenthesis during the Crusader period. However, this view was not based on a comprehensive study of the local material culture. Creating a basic ceramic chronology for Medieval Petra and combining it with surveys, Buildings Archaeology, and an analysis of the documentary sources has allowed drawing a very different picture of settlement in Medieval Petra.

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