A Forensic Anthropologist in Iraq: Mass Graves in a Conflict Zone

Decades of war, repression, and civil unrest have left Iraq with a mass graves problem of considerable scope and diversity. The human remains in the graves include soldiers and civilians, men and women, adults and children, and all religious and ethnic groups.

This lecture addresses the history, typology, and methods of recovery of Iraq's mass graves. The process is illustrated with real examples from recent work in Iraq, both in the field and mortuary, including finding and excavating grave sites, and recovering the identifying patterns within the data.

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