

PREFACE

The following book constitutes the proceedings of a workshop of the same name organized by the editors and held at the 8th International Congress on the Archaeology of the Ancient Near East (8th ICAANE) in May 2012 in Warsaw. In addition, the editors have also solicited several papers presented at another workshop on beads and personal ornaments, organized by Dr. Karen Wright at the 7th ICAANE in 2010 in London, that have never been published. Both workshops dealt with jewelry from the pre-classical and prehistoric periods and provided a platform for interdisciplinary discourse, expression of ideas and new avenues of research specifically related to the significance, meaning and function of jewelry, as well as to the development of the jeweler's craft throughout the Ancient Near East.

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