

EDITORIAL

Cristina Prieto-Olavarría

Editora, Anales de Arqueología y Etnología

 <https://orcid.org/0000-0002-8735-6776>

Volume 79 (1) of the journal *Anales de Arqueología y Etnología*, presents the dossier Archeology of the Central West and Central Sierras of Argentina, edited by Nuria Sugrañez, Luis Mafferra and Guillermo Heider. This special issue appears after seven years since volume 72 (2) was published, which compiled the dossier Sierras Centrales y Centro Oeste Argentino, which was edited by Pablo Cahiza and Roxana Cattáneo. In both cases, the publication initiatives arose from the holding of the Regional Table of Sierras Centrales and Centro Oeste, within the framework of the national Argentine archeology congresses in 2023 and 2016, respectively. This new issue, dedicated to regional archaeology, updates research progress in recent years and provides information on recent results and theoretical-methodological advances.

Four works were compiled, plus the editors' introduction. The first work, “Results of the First Surveys of the Amaná Area (Southwestern La Rioja Province)” by Marcos José Rambla, Elba Diana Carro, Nicolás Dall'Orto, Ana Gabriela Guraieb, María Pía Falchi, Santiago Manuel Alonso Sarmoria and Carlos Martín Ilion presents the results of the first surveys in the town of Amaná and the surrounding plains (La Rioja), from which it was possible to characterize the archaeological landscape during the pre-Hispanic period. The second article by José María Caminoa “Hunter-Gatherer Ways of Inhabiting the Ongamira Valley (ca. 4500–1900 AP)”, deepens the way in which that the Ongamira Valley was inhabited by hunter-gatherer groups, from the end of the middle Holocene to the middle of the final Holocene, based on the analysis of the technological activities of the carved lithic material. The contribution “Human Occupation in the Eastern Foothill of

San Luis Hills. Analysis of Site Las Barranquitas (Department of Coronel Pringles, San Luis Province)” by Manuel Carrera Aizpitarte and Malena Cena Di Matteo, focuses on the study of human occupations at the Las Barranquitas site (foothills of the San Luis Hills), based on the analysis of lithic, ceramic and bone materials, investigating the provenance of the lithic raw materials and the link with mobility circuits. The last work, “Formation Processes of the Archaeological Record in the Diamante–Desaguadero–Salado Fluvial System: Preliminary Results” by the authors Clara Otaola, Fernando Franchetti, Miguel Giardina, Guillermo Heider, Darío Soria, Alfonsina Tripaldi, Fiamma Guillén Fernández and Nicolás Guardia, presents the results of a preliminary study of systematic sampling in the distal basin of the Diamante River and analyze the elements of the landscape and their relationship with the distribution of the archaeological record.

In the articles section, the work “Is the Archaeology of Córdoba “fair”? A Digital Public Archaeology and Open Science Perspective” by Andrés Darío Izeta deals with the state of open science principles in the archeology of Córdoba and its adherence to the FAIR principles, related to the possibility of localization, accessibility, interoperability and reuse of the data.