The end of the Roman Republic in northeastern Spain. A landscape of conflict in Puig Ciutat (Oristà, Barcelona).



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GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATION





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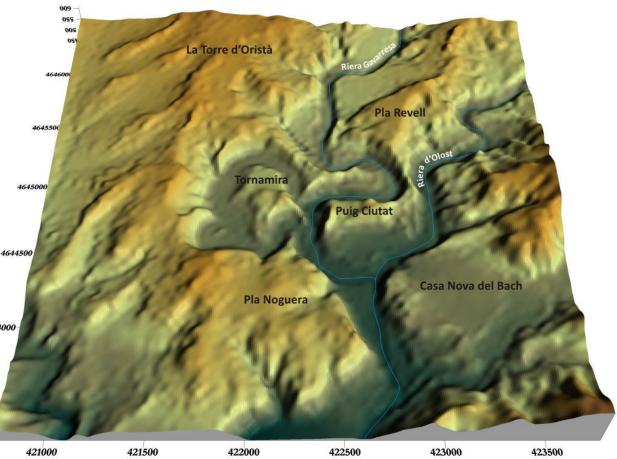
Lluçanès: a mountainous plateau between the valleys of the Llobregat and Ter

Municipality of Oristà. Between the towns of Oristà and Torre d'Oristà.

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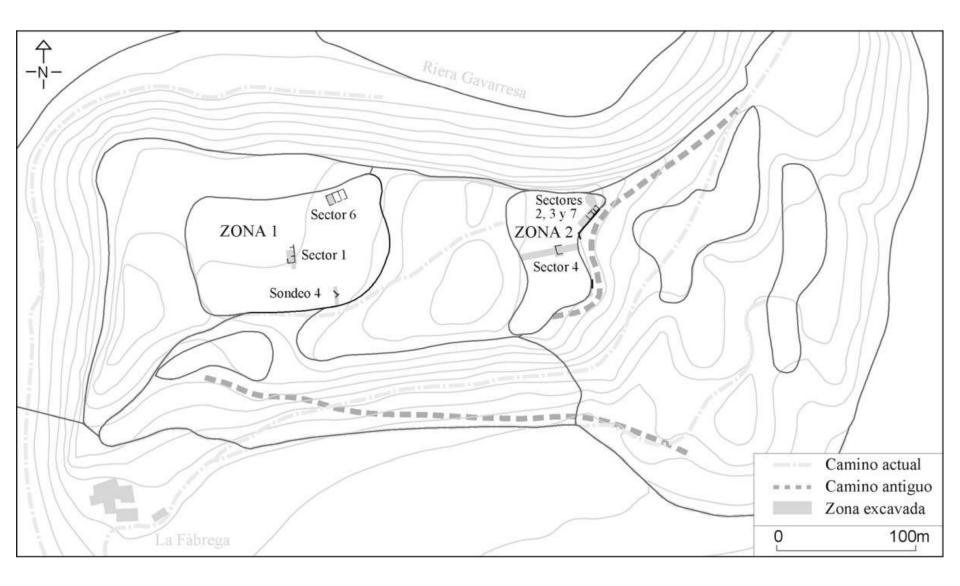
Main features:

- Control of the valleys to the north.
- Located in the confluence of two rivers: Riera Gavarresa and Torrent d'Olost.
- Over an easy defensive plateau: narrow passage north.
- Surrounded by productive land





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SIGNS OF VIOLENT DESTRUCTION

- 1) Archaeological evidence of fire
- 2) Concentration of objects, especially pottery, preserved in situ and virtually intact.
- 3) Significant presence of weapons.
- 4) Fauna and human remains in anatomical connection with fractures that may indicate a violent death.

Pesez & Piponnier (1988)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EVIDENCE OF FIRE



Geomagnetic survey results

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Rooms with evidence of arson (burned beams and pottery)



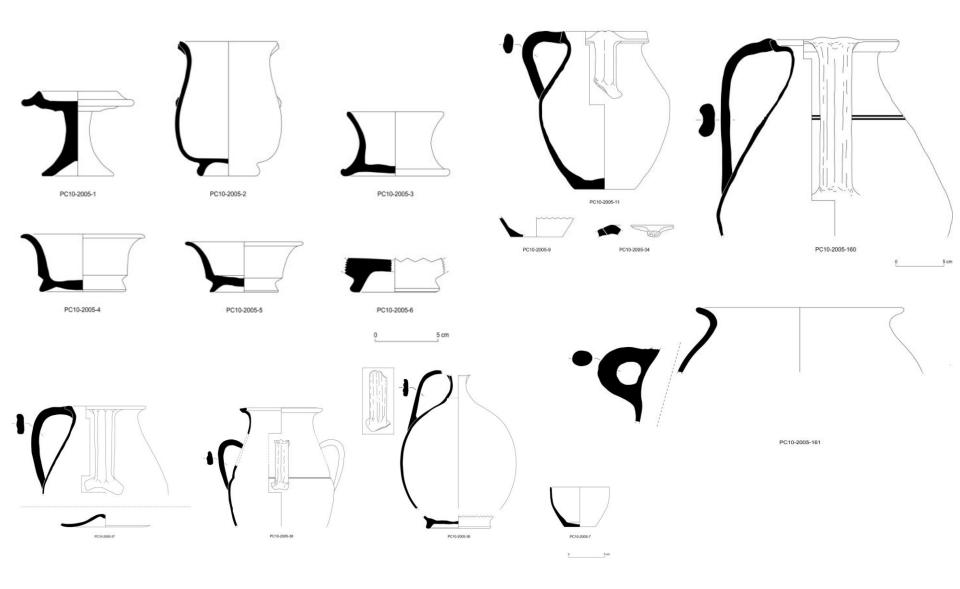


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FAUNA REMAINS



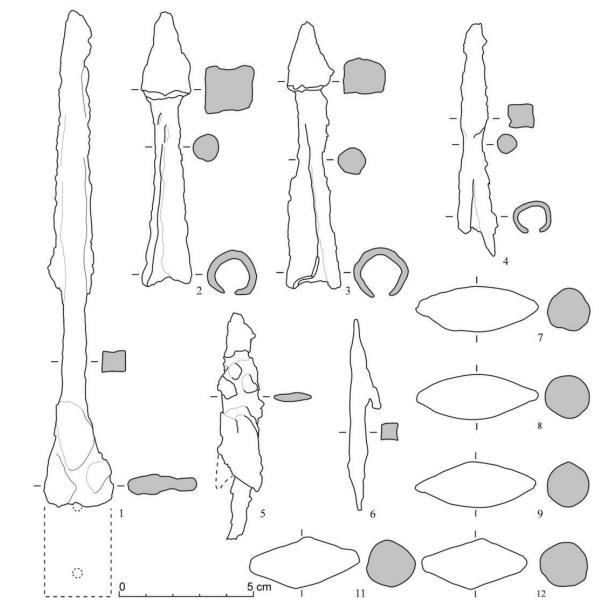
Location of two canids in anatomical connect



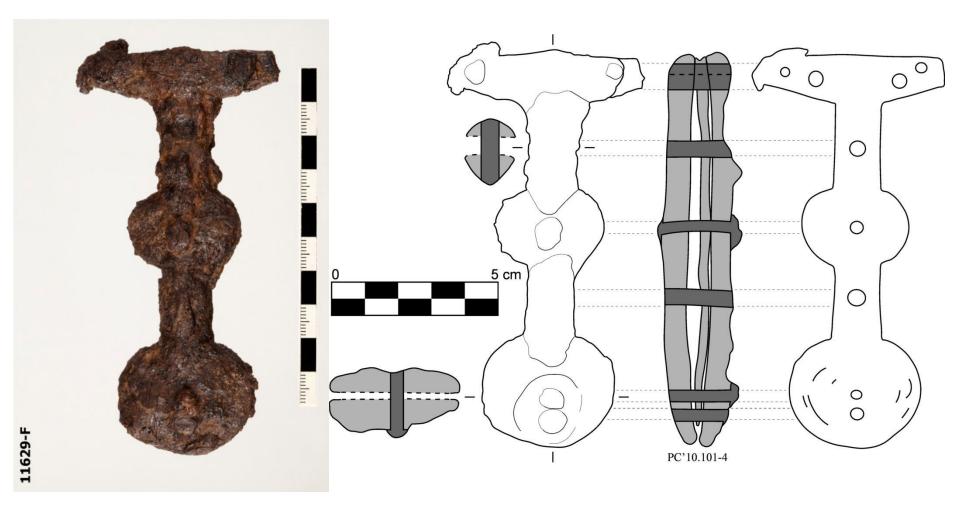
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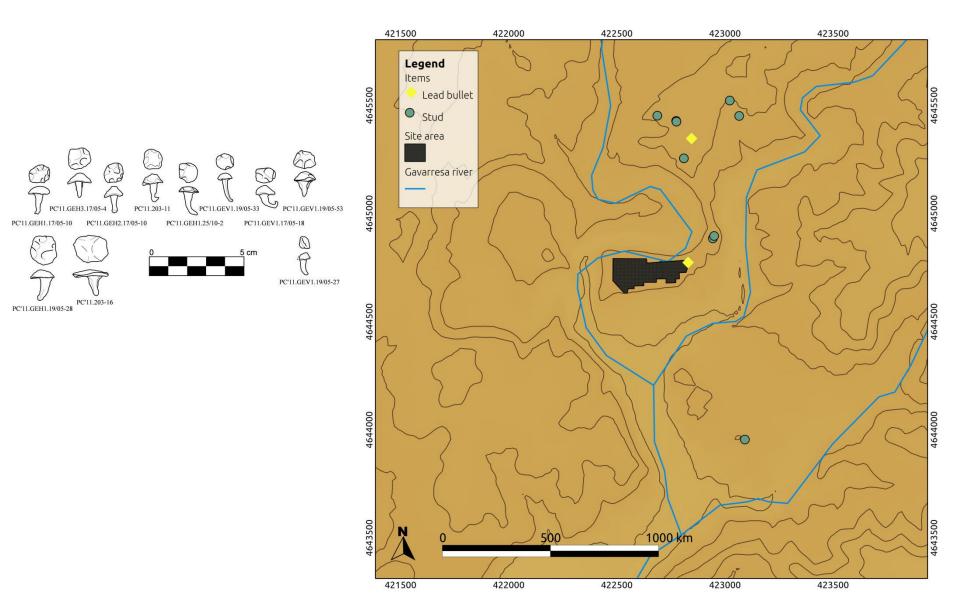
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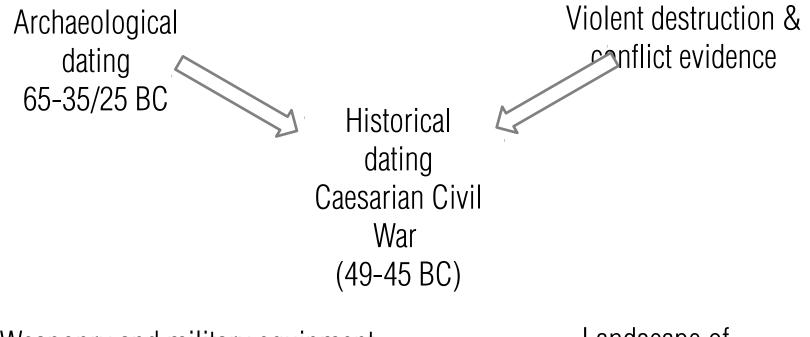
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CONCLUSIONS



Weaponry and military equipment located inside and outside the settlement