

Editorial

This issue includes the second paper presented at the “International and Comparative Approach to State Formation” session of the 87th Meeting of the Japanese Archaeological Association on May 23, 2021. Two additional papers that were presented at the session will be published in Vol. 12 of the *JAA*. On a personal note, I intend to take advantage of my short sabbatical leave in order to bring the publication schedule back on track.

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