

Review of: "Domestic Space Structure and Abandonment Behavior: The Ye Family Complex at Baomei, Tong An District (Fujian, P.R. China)"

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The article is a good methodological example for the study of activity areas and understanding the formation of the context based on a historical case study in Fujian, China, in order to have a better understanding and interpretation of an archaeological context in the future. The study starts from the general description of two houses and the study of their material culture found inside the rooms in order to infer the use and function of the spaces. In some cases, archaeological excavations had to be carried out, and in others, the spaces still had furniture, which means that in principle, one could already mention at least two construction periods, used by the inhabitants at different times in both residential spaces. The recovered materials are shown, particularly the ceramics, but it is not mentioned whether they belong to those two periods of occupation or if they could be contemporary, as well as all the movable goods located inside the rooms that are definitely from the last period of occupation. The author has good bibliographical management, mentioning reference authors on the subject, particularly Binford, Schiffer, and Manzanilla. However, even though the bibliography is abundant, it could be enriched with a methodology through the study of chemical residues from the floors, specifically intended for the study of activity areas to know the type of activities that were carried out in the different spaces, which could be perfectly contrasted with the study of the material culture located within the rooms. I add some bibliography on this subject.

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Overall, the article is very worthwhile and will surely be a reference for the study of the archaeological context anywhere in the world.