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From typology to social and political background**

Abstract

The present dissertation thesis proposes a new systematic research in stone model and miniature vessels, which were used in the burial context in the Old Kingdom. The scope of work encompasses the limits of typology towards the social and political history. A detailed study of the preserved assemblages of stone model and miniature vessels and their characteristics in the context of the production and distribution of stone vessels in the Old Kingdom shows their specific social meaning. The changes, which can be detected on the assemblages, either from the point of view of their morphology or material, clearly point to particular key periods of social and political changes, which influenced the production and distribution of stone vessels, either in the miniature and model forms, or in the form of large size functional pieces.