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Ancient Gordion has long been recognized as a key Iron Age site for Anatolia and the eastern Mediterranean. Archaeological research has revealed much about its sequence of occupation. However, as yet no study has explored the underlying drivers of political and economic change at this site. This volume presents an overview of the political and economic histories supporting emergent elites and how they constructed power at Gordion during the Iron Age (1200–300 BCE). Based on geochemical and typological analysis of nearly 2,000 Late Bronze Age to Late Phrygian ceramic samples, the volume contextualizes this primary dataset through the lens of ceramic production, consumption, exchange and emulation. Synthesizing site datasets, the volume more broadly contributes to our understanding of the pivotal role of groups and their economic, social and ritual practices in the creation of complex societies.

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Abbreviations

AIA	Anatolian Iron Age Project (Kealhofer and Grave, umbrella project for this study)
BRH	Burned Reed House (LTS YHSS 7A)
CBH	Late Bronze Age house (LTS YHSS 8)
CC	Clay Cut building (Terrace Complex YHSS 6A)
CKD	Early Iron Age house (LTS YHSS 7B)
CM	Citadel Mound (includes EM and WM)
CV	Coefficient of variation
DFA	Discriminant function analysis
DL	Destruction Level (ca. 800 BCE, YHSS 6A)
EBA	Early Bronze Age
EIA	Early Iron Age
EIAH	Early Iron Age Handmade
EM	Eastern Mound
EP	Early Phrygian
EPB	Early Phrygian Building (gate) (YHSS 6B)
GRS	Gordion Regional Survey
HCA	Hierarchical Cluster Analysis
KDE	Kernel Density Estimation
KH	Küçük Höyük
LBA	Late Bronze Age
LIA	Late Iron Age
LP	Late Phrygian
LT	Lower Town
LTS	Lower Trench Sounding
MIA	Middle Iron Age
MBA	Middle Bronze Age
MMV	Mary M. Voigt
MP	Middle Phrygian
NAA	Neutron Activation Analysis
NCA	North Central Anatolian (applied to Bronze Age assemblages)
NIST	US National Institute of Standards and Technology

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NWZ	Northwest Zone (Western Mound)
OM	Off Mound
OT	Outer Town
PAP	Post and Poros structure (YHSS 6B)
PCA	Principal component analysis
PGH	Polychrome Gatehouse (YHSS 6A)
RLW	Red Lustrous Wheelmade
RSY	Rodney S. Young
SRM	Standard reference materials
Str.	Structure
SWZ	Southwest Zone (Western Mound)
TB	Terrace Building (Terrace Complex YHSS 6A)
UTS	Upper Trench Sounding
WM	Western Mound
YHP	Yassihöyük Pottery (Robert Henrickson's pottery catalog)
YHSS	Yassihöyük Stratigraphic Sequence

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