

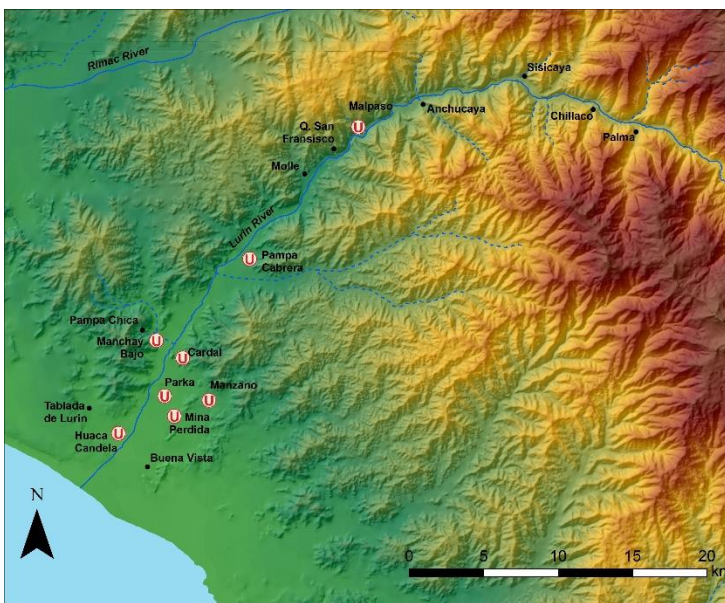
**SOUTH SUBURBAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY**  
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# 3,000 YEARS BEFORE THE INCA:

## The Emergence of Complex Society in Coastal Peru



The west coast of South America is famous for the independent development of its civilizations, culminating in the Inca empire of the Andes. However, complex societies emerged along the coast of Peru many thousands of years before the mountain empires. What prompted their appearance and propelled their changes over the centuries?

Research by Dr. Milan helped reveal, and his presentation will describe, the earliest known permanent settlements – free-standing agricultural villages with irrigation canals and ceramics, centered on distinctive temples. But these same characteristics seem to have created social contradictions, even in this Initial Period, which contributed to more change over time.

Dr. Milan received his Ph.D. from Yale and now teaches at DePaul University, Chicago.



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