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**Plant Domestication, Agricultural
Origins & the First Villages in the
Indian Subcontinent: Three Contrasting
Regions.**

This presentation reviews recent evidence from archaeology and archaeobotany on plant domestication and early agricultural systems in three regions of Neolithic South Asia: 1) Areas west of the Indus Valley where agriculture and pastoralism were based primarily on introduced species; 2) South India where local millet and legume crops were domesticated alongside the introduction of cattle; and 3) The middle Ganges plains where the origins of rice has been debated for years. A model of a hybrid origin of rice that kick-started the rise of sedentism and population growth in the region will be presented. Finally, the three regions will be contrasted in terms of how their manifestations of early village settlement differed.

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