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New light on textile production in ancient Macedonia

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Textile production and consumption are a key part of the economy and culture of many societies past and present. And while ancient textiles seldom survive archaeologically, we can still gain much information about the textile economy by studying textile production tools: loom-weights and spindle-whorls. This paper presents a functional analysis of loom-weights from ancient Macedonia. It follows the methodology recently developed by the Centre for Textile Research in Copenhagen in order to shed light on the productive possibilities of selected sites. The data from Macedonia are set in the wider context of the Balkans during the 1st millennium BC, with a discussion of technological connections, differences and commonalities with textile traditions in contemporary Greece and Thrace.