

Unveiling Pachacamac

New Hypotheses for an Old Andean Sanctuary

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New data from the past 25 years of research at an important pre-Hispanic site

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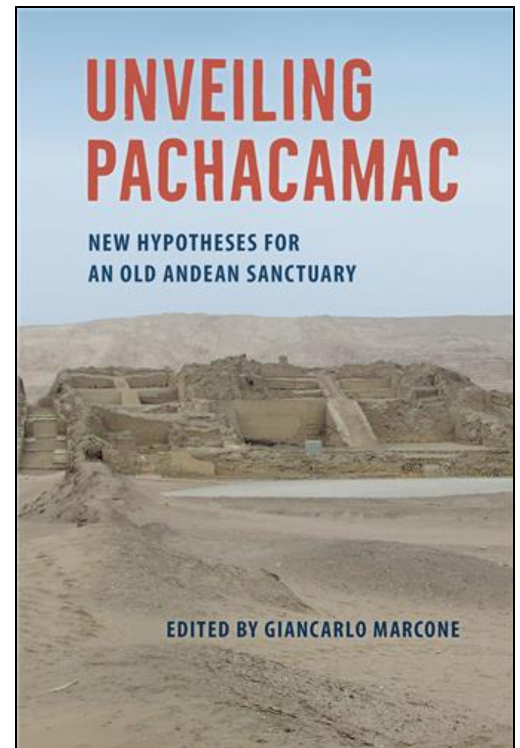
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The sacred Andean site of Pachacamac, inhabited for over a thousand years before the Spanish conquest, has an enduring presence in Peruvian history and plays a pivotal role in the formation of current views about religion and thought in the pre-Hispanic period. *Unveiling Pachacamac* is the first volume to synthesize the past quarter century’s abundance of new data and hypotheses on this important sanctuary.

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