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Pots and politics

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The paper will discuss whether the production and distribution of pottery (mainly table wares and transport amphorae) in the Hellenistic East may in certain cases have been tied to political entities such as the Seleucid or the Ptolemaic Kingdoms. Obviously this is a difficult question to which no unambiguous answer can be given. However, it is a matter that is worth considering, and the paper is offered in the hope that the case studies presented may serve as a basis for a broader discussion – that might also be relevant to conditions in the Black Sea region, albeit indirectly.