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Case No.: 1

**Formal Label:** A000-Bulgaria-Stara Zagora-Figurine-Female-Janus-Pre and Post Parturition-Ceramic-Neolithic-5500 BCE

**Accession Number:** A000

**Display Description:**

The original wasfound in the ruins of a Neolithic settlement in the region of Stara Zagora, Bulgaria**. This figurine** with breasts full of milk and empty and both hands on the abdomen **is intended to communicate the process of giving birth and the effects it has on the human body.**

**LC Classification:**  GN776.B9

**Date or Time Horizon:** 6th Millennium BCE

**Geographical Area:** Stara Zagora, Bulgaria



Fig. 2. Map of location of Stara Zagora, Bulgaria. From http://latitude.to/lat/42.42604/lng/25.63356

GPS coordinates: 42º25'33.74" N 25º38'0.81" E



Fig. 3. Neolithic House, Stara Zagora regional Historical Museum, Bulgaria. http://www.getmetravelled.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Neolithic-Dwellings-Museum\_Stara\_Zagora\_Bulgaria.jpg

**Cultural Affiliation:** Neolithic

**Medium:** **terracotta colored with charcoal and red ochre, Fe2O3.**

**Dimensions:** **71/37 mm**

**Weight: 25 g;**

**Provenance:** Stara Zagora regional Historical Museum

**Condition:** museum replica

**Discussion:** These figurines from Stara Zagora date to the beginning of farming in central Europe and their red ochre geometric markings probably emulated the shape of tattoos or body paint.

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