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Surveys conducted on some hilltop sites of the Ligurian and Tuscan-Emilian Apennines has shown traces of ritual activities linked to the peaks. These findings allow to put forward hypotheses on the role of mountains as places of worship and perpetuation of cultural memory. Indeed, the ecological, economic, and political context of these sites, located along trade routes, contributed to the creation of an impermeable social space that guaranteed the maintenance of cultic practices.

In light of what has just been expounded, this paper will therefore seek to investigate the social and economic strategies behind ritual behaviours of Iron Age communities of Ligurian and Tuscan-Emilian Apennines.