



UCL - INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY

**ARCL2034**  
**THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF**  
**THE NEAR EAST, 2000-300 BC**

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Year 2/3 Option  
0.5 unit

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Entertainers and musicians depicted on a  
Hittite relief scene from Alaca Höyük, Turkey

# 1. OVERVIEW

## Short Description

In this course we shall study major developments in the archaeology of the Near East in the Middle and Late Bronze Ages and the Iron Age, 2000-300 BC, focusing particularly on the areas covered today by Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Palestine, Jordan and Turkey, and to a lesser extent Cyprus, Egypt, and Arabia. Through study of a range of political entities including the Hittites, Babylonians, Assyrians, Elamites, Canaan, and the Achaemenids, we shall consider broad themes such as imperialism, trade, sedentism and nomadism, urban and rural dynamics, cult and religion, economy and social structure.

Students will gain an intellectual appreciation of important past cultures as well as an understanding of how contemporary archaeology in the Near East is situated within a shifting social and political setting.

Teaching will be through lectures and a visit to the British Museum.

A broad spread of assessment methods will be used. This course is normally a prerequisite for the second/third year course options [ARCL3034 Archaeology of Early Anatolia](#) and [ARCL3051 Archaeology of Mesopotamia](#).

## Week-by-Week Summary

Lecture 1: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Introduction: sources, geography, and environment  
Mesopotamia, Syria, and the Persian Gulf, 2000-1590 BC

Lecture 2: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Anatolia 2000-1200 BC  
Old Assyrian trade in Anatolia  
The Hittites and their neighbours

Lecture 3: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010

Syria and the Levant 2000-1200 BC  
Mittani, Ugarit, Hazor, and the Sea Peoples

Lecture 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010

Mesopotamia 1590-900 BC  
Kassites and Middle Assyrians  
Iran 2000-1100 BC: Susa, Elam

Lecture 5: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010

British Museum visit

15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> February 2010      **READING WEEK**

Lecture 6: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010

The Levant 1200-720 BC  
Philistines, Aramaeans, Phoenicians, Neo-Hittites, Israel and Judah

Lecture 7: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010

The Neo-Assyrian empire 934-610 BC  
History and structure of the Assyrian empire

Lecture 8: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Anatolia 900-550 BC  
Iron Age states of Anatolia

Lecture 9: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Babylonia 900-539 BC  
Babylon, Assyria, the Neo-Babylonian empire

Lecture 10: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010

The Achaemenid empire 550-330 BC  
History and structure of the Achaemenid empire

Lecturers:

All lectures will be by Professor Roger Matthews

## Basic Texts

- Akkermans, P. M. M. G., and G. M. Schwartz (2003) *The Archaeology of Syria*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. INST ARCH DBD 100 AKK.
- Ben-Tor, A. (ed.) (1992) *The Archaeology of Ancient Israel*, New Haven: Yale University Press. INST ARCH DBE 100 BEN.
- Bryce, T. (1998) *The Kingdom of the Hittites*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. INST ARCH DBC 200 BRY.
- Bryce, T. (2009) *The Peoples and Places of Ancient Western Asia*, London: Routledge. ANC HIST B2 BRY.
- Chavalas, M. W. (2006) *The Ancient Near East. Historical Sources in Translation*, Oxford: Blackwell. ANC HIST B4 CHA.
- Crawford, H. (1998) *Dilmun and its Gulf Neighbours*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. INST ARCH DBF CRA.
- Foster, B. R. and K. P. Foster (2009) *Civilizations of Ancient Iraq*. Princeton: Princeton University Press. ANC HIST D5 FOS.
- Kuhrt, A. (1995) *The Ancient Near East, c. 3000-330 BC*, London: Routledge. INST ARCH DBA 100 KUH.
- Leick, G. (ed.) (2007) *The Babylonian World*. London: Routledge. ANC HIST D14 LEI
- Levy, T. E. (ed.) (1995) *The Archaeology of Society in the Holy Land*, London: Leicester University Press. INST ARCH DBE 100 LEV.
- Lloyd, S. (1978) *The Archaeology of Mesopotamia from the Old Stone Age to the Persian Conquest*, London: Thames and Hudson. INST ARCH ISSUE DESK DBB 100 LLO.
- Macqueen, J. (1986) *The Hittites and their Contemporaries in Asia Minor*, London: Thames and Hudson. INST ARCH DBC 100 MAC.
- Matthews, R. (2003) *The Archaeology of Mesopotamia: Theories and Approaches*, London: Routledge. INST ARCH DBB 100 MAT.
- Meyers, E. M. (ed.) (1997) *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. INST ARCH DBA 100 MEY.
- Nissen, H. J. and P. Heine (2009) *From Mesopotamia to Iraq. A Concise History*, Chicago: University Press. INST ARCH Cataloguing.
- Oates, J. (1979) *Babylon*, London: Thames and Hudson. INST ARCH DBB 200 OAT; ISSUE DESK DBB 200 OAT.
- Pollock, S. and R. Bernbeck (eds) (2005) *Archaeologies of the Middle East. Critical Perspectives*, Oxford: Blackwell. INST ARCH DBA 100 POL, ISSUE DESK POL.
- Potts, D. T. (1997) *Mesopotamian Civilization. The Material Foundations*, London: Athlone Press. INST ARCH DBB 200 POT.
- Potts, D. T. (1999) *The Archaeology of Elam*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 160-258. INST ARCH DBG 100 POT.
- Richard, S. (ed.) (2003) *Near Eastern Archaeology. A Reader*, Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns, 367-82. INST ARCH DBA 100 RIC.
- Roaf, M. (1990) *Cultural Atlas of Mesopotamia and the Ancient Near East*, Oxford: Facts on File. INST ARCH DBA 100 Qto ROA; ISSUE DESK DBA 100 Qto ROA.
- Sagona, A. and P. Zimansky (2009) *Ancient Turkey*, London: Routledge. INST ARCH DBC 100 SAG.
- Sasson, J. M. (ed.) (1995) *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, New York: Scribner. INST ARCH DBA 100 SAS.
- Snell, D. C. (ed.) (2005) *A Companion to the Ancient Near East*, Oxford: Blackwell. MAIN ANC HIST B 5 SNE.
- Van De Mieroop, M. (2004) *A History of the Ancient Near East*, Oxford: Blackwell. INST ARCH DBA 100 MIE.

## Methods of Assessment

This course is assessed by means of:

- a) one written essay (2500 words, 50% of course-mark);
- b) one written book/article review and critique (1500 words, 30% of course-mark);
- c) one written discussion of an artefact or display based on museum visits (1000 words, 20% of course-mark).

If students are unclear about the nature of an assignment, they should discuss this with the Course Co-ordinator.

The nature of the assignment and possible approaches to it will be discussed in class, in advance of the submission deadline.

## Teaching Methods

The course is taught over Term II through two-hour lectures, which include a major element of discussion. In addition there will be a visit to the British Museum.

## Workload

There will be 18 hours of lectures, including discussion, and one museum visit of two hours, a total of 20 contact hours. Students will be expected to undertake around 75 hours of reading for the course, plus 55 hours preparing for and producing the assessed work. This adds up to a total workload of 150 hours for the course.

## Prerequisites

While there are no formal prerequisites for this course, students are advised that previous attendance at [ARCL1009 Peoples and Societies of the Ancient Near East](#) and/or [ARCL2033 Archaeology of the Near East from Prehistory to 2000 BC](#) may facilitate comprehension of the material presented in this course. ARCL2034 is normally a prerequisite for the second/third year course options [ARCL3034 Archaeology of Early Anatolia](#) and [ARCL3051 Archaeology of Mesopotamia](#).

## 2. AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND ASSESSMENT

### Aims

- To consider the archaeology of the Near East, from 2000 to 300 BC, including the lands of Iraq (Mesopotamia), Turkey (Anatolia), Syria, the Levant, and Iran (Persia).
- To review major issues in the development of human society in the Near East, including trade, imperialism, settlement, and everyday life.
- To consider the nature and interpretation of archaeological and textual sources in approaching the past of the Near East.

### Objectives

On successful completion of this course a student should:

- Have a broad overview of the archaeology of the Near East, 2000-300 BC.
- Appreciate the significance of the archaeology of the Near East within the broad context of the development of human society.
- Appreciate the importance of critical approaches to archaeological and textual sources within the context of the ancient Near East.

### Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course students should be able to demonstrate:

- Understanding and critical awareness of a range of primary and secondary sources.
- Written and oral skills in analysis and presentation.
- Appreciation of, and ability to apply, methods and theories of archaeological and historical analysis.

### Coursework

#### Assessment tasks

This course is assessed by means of:

- a) one written book/article review and critique (1500 words, 30% of course-mark);
- b) one written discussion of an artefact or display based on museum visit (1000 words, 20% of course-mark);
- c) one written essay (2500 words, 50% of course-mark).

The deadlines for submission of assessed work are:

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| a) Written book/article review and critique:                           | <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010</b> |
| b) Written discussion of an artefact or display based on museum visit: | <b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010</b>     |
| c) Written essay:  | <b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010</b>    |

**Please do one piece of work from each of the following three sections.**

**Please note that there must not be significant overlap in content between any of the three submitted pieces of assessed work.**

**Section 1. Book/article review and critique (1500 words, 30% of course-mark)**

**Deadline: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

Select any one of the publications from the following list and produce a brief summary and a critical review of it:

1. Özgüç, T. (1999) *The Palaces and Temples of Kültepe-Kaniš/Neša*, Ankara: Türk Tarih Kurumu. INST ARCH DBC Qto Series TUR 46.
2. Margueron, J.-C. (1995) Mari: a portrait in art of a Mesopotamian city-state, in J. M. Sasson (ed.) *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, New York: Scribner, 885-99. INST ARCH DBA 100 SAS.
3. Gorny, R. L. (1989) Environment, archaeology, and history in Hittite Anatolia, *Biblical Archaeologist* 52, 78-96. INST ARCH Pers.
4. Stokkel, P. J. A. (2005) A new perspective on Hittite rock reliefs, *Anatolica* 31, 171-88. INST ARCH Pers.
5. Neumann, J. and Parpola, S. (1987) Climatic change and the eleventh-tenth century eclipse of Assyria and Babylonia, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 46, 161-82. MAIN CLASSICS Pers.
6. Steel, L. (2002) Consuming passions: a contextual study of the local consumption of Mycenaean pottery at Tell el-'Ajjul, *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 15, 25-51. INST ARCH Pers.
7. Faust, A. (2002) Burnished pottery and gender hierarchy in Iron Age Israelite society, *Journal of Mediterranean Archaeology* 15, 53-73. INST ARCH Pers.
8. Master, D. M. (2001) State formation theory and the kingdom of ancient Israel, *Journal of Near Eastern Studies* 60, 117-31. INST ARCH Pers.
9. Bryce, T. (2009) *The Peoples and Places of Ancient Western Asia*, London: Routledge. ANC HIST B2 BRY.
10. Lumsden, S. (2001) Power and identity in the Neo-Assyrian world, in I. Nielsen (ed.) *The Royal Palace Institution in the First Millennium BC*, (Monographs of the Danish Institute at Athens 4) Aarhus: Aarhus University Press, 33-51. INST ARCH DBA 100 NIE.
11. Zimansky, P. E. (1995) Urartian material culture as state assemblage: an anomaly in the archaeology of empire, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 299/300, 103-15. INST ARCH Pers.
12. Van De Mieroop, M. (2003) Reading Babylon, *American Journal of Archaeology* 107, 257-75. INST ARCH Pers.
13. Curtis, J. (1989) *Ancient Persia*. London: British Museum. INST ARCH DBG 100 CUR.

**Section 2. Written discussion of an artefact or display based on museum visit (1000 words, 20% of course-mark)**

**Deadline: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

Select any one of the objects, or a coherent group of objects, that we have viewed on our visit to the Near Eastern collections in the British Museum and produce a discussion that considers the following factors:

The nature and significance of the object(s) as artefacts;

The manner in which it/they are currently displayed in the British Museum;

Any relevant social, cultural, political issues, past and present, relating to the chosen object(s).

**Section 3. Written essay (2500 words, 50% of course-mark)**

**Deadline: Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

Select any one of the following titles:

1. What do we learn of Old Babylonian society from excavations at sites such as Isin, Larsa, Ur, and Maškan-Šapir?  
See Reading for lecture 1.
2. What do the palace of Zimri-Lim at Mari, its decoration, and its contents tell us about royal life in Upper Mesopotamia in the Middle Bronze Age?  
See Reading for lecture 1.
3. What can archaeology tell us about the structure and nature of the Hittite state?  
See Reading for lecture 2.
4. Were the 'Sea Peoples' entirely to blame for the collapse of states and polities at the end of the Late Bronze Age?  
See Reading for lecture 3.
5. In archaeological terms, can we characterize the material culture of the Hurrians and the Kassites? If not, why not?  
See Reading for lectures 3 and 4.
6. What were the major factors affecting the structure and history of the Elamite state in Iran during the period 2000-1600 BC?  
See Reading for lecture 4.
7. Critically assess the theories that have been proposed for the appearance and development of the kingdoms of Israel and/or Judah in the Levant.  
See Reading for lecture 6.
8. What physical attributes were shared by the major cities of the Assyrian empire (Aššur, Nimrud, Khorsabad, Nineveh, for example), and how might you account for any differences between them?  
See Reading for lecture 7.
9. What do Assyrian reliefs tell us about the Assyrian army, its tactics, and equipment?  
See Reading for lecture 7.
10. Discuss, and account for, the differing archaeological characteristics of the Iron Age states of Anatolia, including Lydia, Phrygia, and Urartu.  
See Reading for lecture 8.
11. What were the principal features of the relationship between the Assyrian and Babylonian empires in the Iron Age and how are they attested historically and archaeologically?  
See Reading for lectures 7 and 9.
12. How was the Achaemenid empire administered and maintained over such a large expanse of diverse territory, and what do we know of its archaeology?  
See Reading for lecture 10.

### **Submission procedures**

Students are required to submit hard copy of all coursework to the course co-ordinator's pigeon-hole via the Red Essay Box at Reception by the appropriate deadline. The coursework must be stapled to a completed coversheet (available from the web, from outside room 411A or at Reception). Late submission will be penalized unless permission has been granted and an Extension Request Form (ERF) completed. Please see the Coursework Guidelines document at <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/handbook/common/> (or your degree programme handbook) for further details of the required procedure.

In addition, students are required to submit each piece of work electronically to Turnitin. The Turnitin 'Class ID' for this course is 132532 and the 'Class Enrolment Password' is IoA0910.

Further information is given here:

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/handbook/common/cfp.htm>

Turnitin advisers will be able to help you via email: [ioa-turnitin@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:ioa-turnitin@ucl.ac.uk) if you need help generating or interpreting the reports.

### **Keeping copies**

Please note that it is an Institute requirement that you retain a copy (this can be electronic) of all coursework submitted. When your marked essay is returned to you, you should return it to the course co-ordinator within two weeks.

### **Citing of sources**

For guidelines on referencing in assessed work, please see:

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/handbook/common/referencing.htm>

For guidance on the use of illustrations in your essays, please see:

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/handbook/common/illustrations.htm>

### 3. SCHEDULE AND SYLLABUS

#### Teaching schedule

Lectures will be held as follows:

Term II                      Tuesdays 2.00-4.00 pm                      Institute of Archaeology Room 410

#### Detailed week-by-week syllabus

The following is an outline for the course as a whole, and identifies essential and supplementary readings relevant to each session. Information is provided as to where in the UCL library system individual readings are available; their location and Teaching Collection (TC) number, and status (whether out on loan) can also be accessed on the *eUCLid* computer catalogue system. Readings marked with an \* are considered essential to keep up with the topics covered in the course.

#### Lecture 1: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

INTRODUCTION: SOURCES, GEOGRAPHY, AND ENVIRONMENT

THE MIDDLE BRONZE AGE: MESOPOTAMIA, SYRIA, AND THE PERSIAN GULF, 2000-1590 BC.

In this introductory session we will preview the course as a whole and consider the nature of the available sources, archaeological and textual. We will look at Mesopotamia and its interactions with its neighbours in the early second millennium BC, focusing on Mesopotamia in the Isin-Larsa and Old Babylonian periods, Mari in Upper Mesopotamia, Dilmun and the Gulf.

Reading:

#### General

- Akkermans, P. M. M. G., and G. M. Schwartz (2003) *The Archaeology of Syria*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 288-91. INST ARCH DBD 100 AKK.
- Charpin, D. (1995) The history of ancient Mesopotamia: an overview, in J. M. Sasson (ed.) *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, New York: Scribner, 812-17. INST ARCH DBA 100 SAS.
- Kamp, K. A. and N. Yoffee (1980) Ethnicity in ancient Western Asia during the early second millennium BC.: archaeological assessments and ethnoarchaeological perspectives, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 237, 85-104. INST ARCH Pers.
- Kuhrt, A. (1995) *The Ancient Near East, c. 3000-330 BC*, London: Routledge, 74-117. INST ARCH DBA 100 KUH.
- Lloyd, S. (1978) *The Archaeology of Mesopotamia from the Old Stone Age to the Persian Conquest*, London: Thames and Hudson, 157-71. INST ARCH ISSUE DESK DBB 100 LLO.
- Roaf, M. (1990) *Cultural Atlas of Mesopotamia and the Ancient Near East*, Oxford: Facts on File, 108-30. INST ARCH DBA 100 Qto ROA; ISSUE DESK DBA 100 Qto ROA.
- \*Van De Mieroop, M. (2004) *A History of the Ancient Near East*, Oxford: Blackwell, 1-16. INST ARCH DBA 100 MIE.
- \*Entries for Isin, Larsa, Ur, Mari, Mashkan-Shapir, Babylon, Leilan in E. M. Meyers (ed.) (1997) *The Oxford Encyclopedia of Archaeology in the Near East*. Oxford: Oxford University Press. INST ARCH DBA 100 MEY.

#### Old Babylonian Mesopotamia

- Brusasco, P. (1999-2000) Family archives and the social use of space in Old Babylonian houses at Ur, *Mesopotamia* 34-35, 1-173. INST ARCH Pers.
- Crawford, H. (2007) Architecture in the Old Babylonian period, in G. Leick (ed.) *The Babylonian World*, London: Routledge, 81-94. ANC HIST D14 LEI
- Oates, J. (1979) *Babylon*, London: Thames and Hudson, 83-104. INST ARCH DBB 200 OAT; ISSUE DESK DBB 200 OAT.

- Postgate, J. N. (1977) *The First Empires*, Oxford: Elsevier, 91-107. INST ARCH DBB 100 Qto POS; ISSUE DESK IOA POS 3.
- Sasson, J. M. (1995) King Hammurabi of Babylon, in J. M. Sasson (ed.) *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, New York: Scribner, 901-15. INST ARCH DBA 100 SAS.
- Stone, E. C. and P. Zimansky (2004) *The Anatomy of a Mesopotamian City: Survey and Soundings at Mashkan-shapir*, Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns. INST ARCH DBB 10 Qto STO.
- \*Van De Mierop, M. (2004) *A History of the Ancient Near East*, Oxford: Blackwell, 80-9, 104-112. INST ARCH DBA 100 MIE.
- Van De Mierop, M. (2005) *King Hammurabi of Babylon*, Oxford: Blackwell. MAIN ANCIENT HISTORY D 14 VAN.

#### Shamshi-Adad, Mari

- \*Akkermans, P. M. M. G., and G. M. Schwartz (2003) *The Archaeology of Syria*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 308-17. INST ARCH DBD 100 AKK.
- Heimpel, W. (2003) *Letters to the King of Mari*, Winona Lake: Eisenbrauns. MAIN ANCIENT HISTORY H4 HEI.
- Margueron, J.-C. (1982) *Recherches sur les palais mésopotamiens de l'âge du bronze*, Paris: Paul Geuthner. INST ARCH ISSUE DESK IOA MAR 2i-ii.
- Margueron, J.-C. (1995) Mari: a portrait in art of a Mesopotamian city-state, in J. M. Sasson (ed.) *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, New York: Scribner, 885-99. INST ARCH DBA 100 SAS.
- Matthiae, P. (1980) *Ebla. An Empire Rediscovered*, London: Hodder and Stoughton, 112- 49. INST ARCH DBD 10 MAT; ISSUE DESK IOA MAT 5.
- Parrot, A. (1974) *Mari, capitale fabuleuse*, Paris: Payot. MAIN ANCIENT HISTORY H 54 PAR.
- \**Biblical Archaeologist* 47 (1984) Special issue on "the legacy of Mari". INST ARCH Pers.
- \*Van De Mierop, M. (2004) *A History of the Ancient Near East*, Oxford: Blackwell, 89-104. INST ARCH DBA 100 MIE.
- Villard, P. (1995) Shamshi-Adad and sons: the rise and fall of an Upper Mesopotamian empire, in J. M. Sasson (ed.) *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, New York: Scribner, 873-83. INST ARCH DBA 100 SAS.
- Weiss, H. (1985) Tell Leilan on the Habur plains of Syria, *Biblical Archaeologist* 48/1, 5-34 INST ARCH Pers.

#### Dilmun and the Persian Gulf

- Boucharlat, R. (1995) Archaeology and artifacts of the Arabian peninsula, in J. M. Sasson (ed.) *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, New York: Scribner, 1335-53. See pages 1342-44. INST ARCH DBA 100 SAS.
- Crawford, H. (1998) *Dilmun and its Gulf Neighbours*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. INST ARCH DBF CRA.
- Killick, R. and J. Moon (eds) (2005) *The Early Dilmun Settlement at Saar*, Ludlow: Archaeology International. INST ARCH DBF Qto KIL.

## Lecture 2: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010

### THE MIDDLE AND LATE BRONZE AGES IN ANATOLIA: ASSYRIAN TRADE, THE HITTITES AND THEIR NEIGHBOURS, TROY, 2000-1200 BC.

Here we will consider early Assyrian trade in Anatolia, and the origins of the Hittites in Anatolia, before examining the development of the Hittite state through the Late Bronze Age. Interactions between the Hittites and contemporary states of the Near East will be reviewed, and we will look briefly at the site of Troy.

Reading:

#### General

Kuhrt, A. (1995) *The Ancient Near East, c. 3000-330 BC*, London: Routledge, 225-82. INST ARCH DBA 100 KUH.

Roaf, M. (1990) *Cultural Atlas of Mesopotamia and the Ancient Near East*, Oxford: Facts on File, 136-9, 144-6. INST ARCH DBA 100 Qto ROA; ISSUE DESK DBA 100 Qto ROA.

\*Van De Mieroop, M. (2004) *A History of the Ancient Near East*, Oxford: Blackwell, 89-96 INST ARCH DBA 100 MIE.

#### Aššur and trade in the Old Assyrian period

Dercksen, J. G. (1996) *The Old Assyrian Copper Trade in Anatolia*, Istanbul: NINO. INST ARCH DBB 200 DER.

Larsen, M. T. (1976) *The Old Assyrian City-State and its Colonies*, Copenhagen: Akademisk Forlag. INST ARCH ISSUE DESK DB Series MES 4.

Marzahn J. And B. Salje (eds) (2003) *Wiedererstehendes Assur*, Mainz am Rhein: Philipp von Zabern. INST ARCH DBB 100 MAR.

Michel, C. (2003) *Old Assyrian Bibliography*, Leiden: NINO. INST ARCH DBC 100 MIC.

Özgüç, T. (1999) *The Palaces and Temples of Kültepe-Kaniš/Neša*, Ankara: Türk Tarih Kurumu. INST ARCH DBC Qto Series TUR 46.

Özgüç, T. (2003) *Kültepe-Kaniš/Neša*. Istanbul: Middle East Culture Center in Japan.

\*Sagona, A. and P. Zimansky (2009) *Ancient Turkey*, London: Routledge, 225-52. INST ARCH DBC 100 SAG.

Veenhof, K. R. (1982) The Old Assyrian merchants and their relations with the native population of Anatolia, in H. J. Nissen and J. Renger (eds) *Mesopotamien und seine Nachbarn*, Berlin: Dietrich Reimer. INST ARCH DBB Series REN 25.

\*Veenhof, K. R. (1995) Kanesh: an Assyrian colony in Anatolia, in J. M. Sasson (ed.) *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, New York: Scribner, 859-71. INST ARCH DBA 100 SAS.

Veenhof, K. R. (2003) Archives of Old Assyrian traders, in M. Brosius (ed.) *Ancient Archives and Archival Traditions*. Oxford: University Press, 78-123. MAIN ANCIENT HISTORY A 72 BRO.

#### The Hittites and their neighbours

Beal, R. H. (1995) Hittite military organization, in J. M. Sasson (ed.) *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, New York: Scribner, 545-54. INST ARCH DBA 100 SAS.

Beckman, G. (1995) Royal ideology and state administration in Hittite Anatolia, in J. M. Sasson (ed.) *Civilizations of the Ancient Near East*, New York: Scribner, 529-43. INST ARCH DBA 100 SAS.

Beckman, G. (1996) *Hittite Diplomatic Texts*, Atlanta: Scholars Press. MAIN ANCIENT HISTORY EE 4 BEC.

Bittel, K. (1970) *Hattusha, the Capital of the Hittites*, New York: Oxford University Press. INST ARCH DBC 10 BIT.

\*Bryce, T. (1998) *The Kingdom of the Hittites*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. INST ARCH DBC 200 BRY.

- \*Bryce, T. (2002) *Life and Society in the Hittite World*, Oxford: Oxford University Press. INST ARCH DBC 200 BRY.
- Ehringhaus, H. (2005) *Götter, Herrscher, Inschriften: Die Felsreliefs der hethitischen Grossreichszeit in der Türkei*. Mainz: von Zabern. INST ARCH DBC 100 Qto HER
- Giles, F. J. (1997) *The Amarna Age: Western Asia*, Warminster: Aris and Phillips. INST ARCH EGYPTOLOGY B 12 GIL.
- Glatz, C. and R. Matthews (2005) Anthropology of a frontier zone: Hittite-Kaska relations in Late Bronze Age north-central Anatolia, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 339, 47-65. INST ARCH Pers.
- Gorny, R. L. (1989) Environment, archaeology, and history in Hittite Anatolia, *Biblical Archaeologist* 52, 78-96. INST ARCH Pers.
- Gorny, R. L. (1995) Hittite imperialism and anti-imperial resistance as viewed from Alişar Höyük, *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 299/300, 65-89. INST ARCH Pers.
- Gurney, O. R. (1990) *The Hittites*, Harmondsworth: Penguin. INST ARCH DBC 100 GUR.
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### **Lecture 3: 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

THE MIDDLE AND LATE BRONZE AGES IN SYRIA AND THE LEVANT: MITTANI, UGARIT, HAZOR, AND THE SEA PEOPLES, 2000-1200 BC.

During these centuries, including the so-called Amarna Age, Syria and the Levant hosted states dealing at an international level with their contemporaries. Here we look at Mittani and the Hurrians, Ugarit and Byblos, Alalakh, and Hazor, concluding with a consideration of the end of the Late Bronze Age and the significance of the Sea Peoples.

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#### **Lecture 4: 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010**

##### THE LATE BRONZE AGE AND EARLY IRON AGE IN MESOPOTAMIA: KASSITES AND MIDDLE ASSYRIANS, 1590-900 BC.

Despite regional collapse elsewhere, societies of Mesopotamia appear to have escaped serious damage at the end of the Late Bronze Age. In this class we study the Kassites of Babylonia and the Middle Assyrian state of Upper Mesopotamia.

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THE MIDDLE AND LATE BRONZE AGES IN IRAN: ELAM AND IRAN, 2000-1100 BC. What developments were taking place to the east of Mesopotamia through the second millennium BC? Here we examine the evidence from a range of sites including Susa, Haft Tappeh, and Chogha Zanbil.

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### **Lecture 5: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

#### **BRITISH MUSEUM VISIT**

We will view relevant galleries in the British Museum, Department of the Middle East.

## Lecture 6: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2010

### THE IRON AGE IN THE LEVANT: NEW STATES, 1200-720 BC.

During the Iron Age, the lands of the Levant hosted a series of small states, including the Philistines, Aramaeans, Phoenicians, Neo-Hittites, Israel and Judah, all of whom we study in this session.

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## Lecture 7: 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010

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Through the Iron Age of Mesopotamia, the Assyrian empire was the dominant political entity of the entire region. Here we study the archaeology and structure of this powerful state.

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### Lecture 8: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010

#### THE IRON AGE IN ANATOLIA: STATES AND KINGDOMS, 900-550 BC.

A dark age descended across Anatolia after the collapse of the Hittite empire in 1200 BC. From about 900 BC a series of successor states arose, including Lydia and Lycia in the west, Phrygia in the centre, and Urartu in the east. Here we examine the nature and archaeology of these very different political entities.

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## Lecture 9: 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010

### THE IRON AGE IN BABYLONIA: THE NEO-BABYLONIAN EMPIRE, 900-539 BC.

Contemporary with the Neo-Assyrian empire, a powerful state in Lower Mesopotamia was centred on the ancient city of Babylon. In this class we examine interactions between Babylonia and adjacent regions in the earlier centuries of the Iron Age. We also study the contemporary scene in the Zagros mountains of western Iran where the kingdom of Media came to power at this time.

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**Lecture 10: 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2010**

THE LATE IRON AGE OF THE NEAR EAST: THE ACHAEMENID EMPIRE, 550-330 BC.

In the last centuries before Alexander the Great, the Near East was dominated by the Achaemenid empire, the largest empire the world had seen till that time. We study this empire, its history, structure, and archaeological evidence, in this final session of the course.

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[www.museum-achemenet.college-de-france.fr](http://www.museum-achemenet.college-de-france.fr)

## 4. ONLINE RESOURCES

For coursework guidelines see:

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/handbook/common/marking.htm>

Please note that materials relevant to this course can be found on UCL's Virtual Learning Environment at Moodle: <http://moodle.ucl.ac.uk/>

### Web-sites:

There are many. Here is just a sample:

<http://ecai.org/iraq>

(Extremely useful site devoted to the archaeology of Iraq)

<http://www.virtualmuseumiraq.cnr.it/homeENG.htm>

(selected items from the Iraq Museum plus much relevant information, maps etc)

<http://www.mesopotamia.co.uk/>

(British Museum site, good introduction to ancient Mesopotamia, including Sumer, Babylon, and Assyria)

<http://www.etana.org/abzu/>

(Excellent resource covering all aspects of the ancient Near East)

<http://www.assur.de/>

(Devoted to German excavations at the important Assyrian site of Assur)

<http://www.learningsites.com/NWPalace/NWPalhome.html>

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<http://www.thamesandhudsonusa.com/web/humanpast/summaries/ch12.html>

(Try the online quizzes, especially to Chapter 12!)

## 5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### **Libraries**

The library of the Institute of Archaeology UCL will be the principal resource for this course.

### **Dyslexia**

If you have dyslexia or other relevant disability, please make your lecturer aware of this. Please discuss with your lecturer whether there is any way in which they can help you. Students with dyslexia are reminded to indicate this on each piece of coursework.

### **Support your local Near Eastern societies**

Please consider joining and thereby supporting the work of at least one of the major British institutes and societies working in the Near East today. They each produce an annual journal as well as newsletters and other publications. They organise lectures on relevant topics, usually held in London, and they have some funding to help students travel and study in the modern countries of the Near East.

More information can be found at their websites:

British Institute for the Study of Iraq:

<http://www.britac.ac.uk/institutes/iraq/>

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British Institute at Ankara:

<http://www.biaa.ac.uk/>

Council for British Research in the Levant:

<http://www.cbri.org.uk/>

British Institute of Persian Studies:

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British Association for Near Eastern Archaeology:

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Finally, as a bonus to anyone who made it to the end of the handbook, see how Near Eastern archaeology has featured in the movies:

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