

## **GREEK HISTORY c.750 to 479 B.C.: ARCHAIC GREEK CULTURE & SOCIETY.**

(= Greek history 750-479 B.C. in Lecture List).

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These lectures cover the archaic period from c.750-479 B.C. They should be of interest to anyone studying archaic Greece, or the early developments of Greek culture & society, and especially these papers:

AMH Prelims: *Greek History c.650-479 B.C.*

Classics/Lit.Hum., *Archaic Greek History c.750-479 B.C.* [previously *The Early Greek World and Herodotus' Histories, c.650-479 B.C.*]

CAAH, first year *Greek Core* involving archaic Greece, and Finals paper, *Early Greece and the Mediterranean*.

The lectures will be largely thematic, integrating the literary, archaeological and epigraphical evidence to offer an interpretation of this revolutionary and exciting period. They will discuss the challenges and possibilities of the rich remains from the wider archaic Greek and non-Greek world.

### **Lecture List:**

1. Doing Archaic History: the Greeks & the Near East, Herodotus & Lydia: a test case.
2. Revolution and social upheaval I: Athens, Corinth, Megara, Lesbos.
3. Revolution and social upheaval 2: Solon and Athens; Crete and Sparta.
4. Greek expansion & the Mediterranean: networks, economy and colonisation.
5. The Impact of Writing: private and public writing, law, written law and social change.
6. Tyranny, Aristocracy and Archaic Culture (buildings, Panhellenic aristocracy, the panhellenic games)
7. The Greeks and the wider Near East; Egypt and the E. Mediterranean: culture, politics, society and the creation of classical Greece.
8. Sixth century Athens: Tyranny and the Athenian Aristocracy; towards Democracy in Athens (Cleisthenes) and elsewhere.

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