

THE GOLDEN AGE OF THE PERSIANS

From Cyrus the Great to Alexander the Great

COURSE #:

22F-GAP

FORMAT:

Seminar

MODERATOR:

Jim Harvey

DATE & TIME:

Tues - 1:30 - 3:30 PM
10 Weeks
Starting 9/27/2022

LOCATION:

Zoom
Online Only

MAX NO. OF PARTICIPANTS:

17

AUDITORS

ACCEPTED:

Yes

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2

PURPOSE:

Participants will gain an appreciation of the Persian Empire.

DESCRIPTION:

Persia was one of the great superpowers, militarily and culturally. At one point their empire stretched from Istanbul to Kabul and south to southern Egypt. At the same time they were a global hub of culture, religion, science, art and technology for more than 200 years. Their architecture was world-class, providing the inspiration for the Taj Mahal. Their miniature paintings and other visual arts were superbly executed. And Alexander so admired the Persians for the way they organized their government bureaucracy that he borrowed their system for himself.

The seminar will cover the period from 600 BCE to the defeat of the Persians by Alexander in 330 BCE (i.e., Achaemenid Empire).

ROLE OF PARTICIPANTS:

Participants will read the material suggested by the moderator, prepare and deliver a 30-40 minute presentation of a topic relevant to the seminar and acceptable to the moderator, and lead a discussion of their topic during the remainder of the session.

RESOURCES:

The moderator will provide a list of suggested resources from which the participant will choose.

ABOUT THE MODERATOR:

Jim has been moderating 5CLIR seminars for 19 years. A number of them have dealt with ancient history, which he finds most interesting.