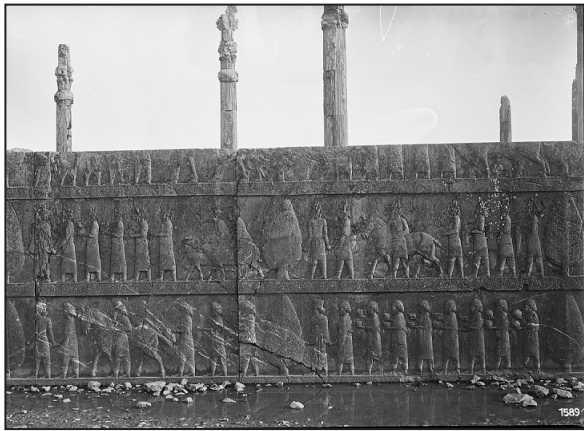


TALK

Persians, Scythians, and Greeks in the Northern Black Sea Region

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Tuesday, February 23, 2021
12–1 pm

Around 513 BCE, the Achaemenid king Darius I (r. 522–486 BCE) conducted a military expedition against the western Scythians in the northern Black Sea region. This was the first time in ancient history that the Persians stepped on European soil and seems to have initiated the political and cultural interactions between the Persians, the Scythian dwellers of the Pontic steppe, and the Greek colonies of the northern Black Sea shores.

In this lecture, Iranian archaeologist and numismatist

Ehsan Shavarebi reviews historiographical accounts and archaeological evidence of the Scythian expedition of Darius and its aftermath.

Ehsan Shavarebi is an archaeologist and numismatist. Born in Tehran, he studied archaeology at the University of Tehran and has participated in archaeological fieldwork in Iran, Tajikistan, and Pakistan. He held a scholarship at the Institute of Oriental Studies of the University of Bamberg, Germany, and is currently a graduate student in the Department of Numismatics and Monetary History at the University of Vienna.

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