New Course in Fall 2017
Special Topics in Anthropological Archaeology

ANAR 100
Archeology of Anatolia
from Prehistory to the Persian Empire

MWF 11:00 - 11:50a
HHS 1315

Once perceived as a periphery of ancient Mesopotamian civilizations, in recent decades, archaeological investigations in Anatolia (modern Turkey) has revealed an extraordinary record of cultural diversity, social complexity, and technological innovations. This course surveys the archaeological record of Anatolia chronologically, focusing on significant anthropological themes (e.g. social organization in earliest sedentary communities, spread of farming, formation of early states, craft specialization, long-distance trade, migrations, and rise and fall of empires). The primary objective of this course is to familiarize the students with an elemental knowledge of Anatolian archaeology in geography/environment, history of research, archaeological sites, material culture, sociocultural trajectories, and significant debates. The course seeks to convey a sense of continuity and change across time in material culture, technologies, subsistence strategies, settlement patterns, political formations, exchange systems, and interactions with neighboring regions.

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