

Households in Ancient Societies M 24406

Four credit course

(optional lecture course on countries other than India for MA students)

Readings/ course outline

The course will discuss how households have been conceptualized and recovered, using textual and archaeological material, using case studies from Paleolithic and Neolithic Europe, Bronze Age Mesopotamia, as well as the Greco-Roman world.

There will be two tutorials, and one end-semester examination, with fifty percent of the evaluation based on tutorials and participation in tutorial discussions and fifty percent on the end semester examination. Separate readings for the tutorials will be announced at the beginning of the semester when the course will be offered.

General Readings

Peter Laslett (ed.), *Household and Family in Past Time*, 1972.

Jack Goody, *Production and Reproduction: A Comparative Study of the Domestic Domain*, 1977.

Richard E. Blanton, *Houses and Households: A Comparative Study*

Roberta Gilchrist, *Gender and Archaeology: Contesting the Past*, 1999.

Penelope Allison (ed.), *The Archaeology of Household Activities*, 2010.

Kerrie S. Barile and Jamie C. Brandon (eds.), *Household Chores and Household Choices: Theorizing the Domestic Sphere in Historical Archaeology*, 2004.

For the Paleolithic

Ezra Zubrow, Françoise Audouze and James G Enloe (eds.), *The Magdalenian Household: Unraveling Domesticity*, 2010.

For the Neolithic

Stella Souvatzi, *A Social Archaeology of Households in Neolithic Greece: An Anthropological Approach*, 2008.

For Mesopotamia

Patricia Wattenmaker, *Household and State in Upper Mesopotamia*, 1998.

For the Greco-Roman World

Bradley A. Ault and Lisa C. Nevett (eds.), *Ancient Greek Houses and Households*, 2005.

Beryl Rawson (ed.), *A Companion to Families in the Greek and Roman Worlds*, 2011.

Kristina Milnor, *Gender, Domesticity, and the Age of Augustus*, 2008.

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