

PUBLIC LECTURE

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*In Iran before the Persians:
A journey to ancient Elam*

The Elamite kingdom flourished for two millennia (ca. 2500-550 BCE) in the lands that became later the core of the Persian empires. Elam has been in continuous territorial competition and cultural exchange with its Mesopotamian neighbours, i.e. Sumer, Babylonia and Assyria. In the last decade, new researches have highlighted the role played by Elam in the political and cultural formation of the Achaemenid empire (ca. 550-331 BCE), whose extension has always questioned and amazed historians. From the great finds of the last



The oldest extant Elamite tablet (ca. 23rd cent. BCE), from Susa, Iran (image courtesy Louvre)



The Old Elamite rock relief of Kurangun (ca. 18th cent. BCE) on the background of the Fahlian plain, Fars, Iran

century (including the Code of Hammurabi) now exhibited at the Louvre to the recent discoveries of the so-called Kalmakarra treasure and the princely burial of Ramhormoz, Elam is one of the protagonists of Iranian archaeology.

The lecture will be illustrated with exclusive photos of places, monuments and inscriptions.

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