

History of the Near East I

Name of the course: Dějiny Předního východu I / History of the Near East I

Syllabus academic years: 2024–2025

Lecturer: Sergio Alivernini

Number of lessons: 12 lessons

Hours per lesson: 2

Language of instruction: English

Type of attestation: exam

Requirements for acquiring the credits: The final exam will be an oral examination covering the topics discussed throughout the course

Abstract:

This course offers an in-depth exploration of the Ancient Near East, focusing on the civilizations that flourished between the IV millennium and the end of the III millennium BCE. Students will examine the development of early complex societies, urbanization, and the birth of writing, tracing the rise of significant cultures in Mesopotamia, Elam, Syria, Anatolia and the Levant.

Bibliography and suggested readings:

The suggested readings for this course are:

1) Mario Liverani (2014), *The Ancient Near East. History, Society and Economy*. Routledge/Taylor & Francis Group. 2014, pages 1-170.

or

2) Marc Van de Mieroop (2016), *A History of the Ancient Near East. Ca. 3000–323 BC*. Blackwell Publishing Ltd (Third Edition), pages 1-89.