Rome and Iran: A Historical and Geopolitical Approach

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When possible, primary sources will be presented in Hebrew and discussed during the course.

The course will be conducted in English. It does not require knowledge of ancient or eastern languages.

(1) The Historical Context of the Encounter: What was Late Antiquity?

(2) Who were the Sassanians?

(3) The Historical Context of the Encounter: A Comparison


Payne, Richard (2016), “Iranian Cosmopolitanism. World Religions at the Sasanian Court.” In Cosmopolitanism and empire: Universal rulers, local elites, and cultural


- Tesei, T. (forthcoming), “‘The Romans will win!’ A Qur’anic prophecy (Q 30:2-7) in light of 7th c. political eschatology.” Der Islam.