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# The Construction of History: Case Studies in Achaemenid History

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The lecture will examine major questions in Achaemenid research, focusing, on the one hand, on the influence of scholarship in emphasizing (or neglecting) key issues in Greek-Persian relations, and, on the other hand, on the re-use of historical (Achaemenid) motifs in the Bible.

**Maria Brosius** studied at the University of Münster in Germany and received her doctorate from Oxford University. As an ancient historian her research focuses on the history of pre-Islamic Persia, especially on the Achaemenid empire, as well as on the cultural links between Greece and the eastern Mediterranean. Among her publications are *Women in Ancient Persia (559-331 BC)*, (Oxford: OUP 1996, 2000, 2002), *The Persians. An Introduction* (London: Routledge, 2006) and the edited volume *Ancient Archives and Archival Traditions. Concepts of Record-Keeping in the Ancient World*, (Oxford: OUP, 2003). She contributed a number of articles both on issues related to Achaemenid history as well as cultural contacts in the eastern Mediterranean including "Some Remarks on the Channels of the Transmission of Knowledge in the Ancient Mediterranean World", in: R. Rollinger (ed.), 2014, *Die komplexe Welt der Kulturkontakte*. Leuven: Peeters (Colloquia Antiqua): 285-300, and "Persian Diplomacy between 'Pax Persica' and 'Zero Tolerance'", in: J. Wilker (ed.), 2013, *Maintaining Peace and Stability in the Greek World*, Heidelberg (Verlag Antike): 1-13. A book on *A History of the Achaemenid Empire* is currently in preparation for Blackwell's *History of the Ancient World*.

\*Light refreshments will be served\*  
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