



# Trade, Diplomacy, and Interaction in the Bronze Age Near/Middle East and Egypt, ca. 3300–1200 BCE



**HST 496 / HST 738A**  
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During the Bronze Age, the kingdoms of the Middle East and Egypt enjoyed diplomatic and commercial ties and cultural exchanges both among themselves and with states as far west as Greece and as far east as Afghanistan and the Indus Valley. Scholars have identified the evidence of these interactions from an ever-expanding corpus of both textual and archaeological data, all of which has sustained a plethora of interpretations and models.

In this course, after first being grounded in the historical-chronological framework for our study, students will explore major primary and secondary sources relating to Bronze Age interactions in the Near East and the interpretive approaches that have been used to address them. Each student will then identify and undertake a research project that will elucidate some aspect of the course's theme, culminating in the production of a substantial research paper.

