



**An Illustrated Public Lecture by  
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## **Persepolis: Royal City of Ancient Persia**

**Rich sculptural decoration still adorns the remains of palatial buildings at Persepolis, a capital city of the Achaemenid Persian empire (c. 550-330 BCE). The Persepolis reliefs represent an idealized vision of Persian kingship, bringing us face to face with the Great King and his subject people. From the accounts of early travelers to today's colorful reconstructions, this lecture will illustrate past and present attempts to bring the ancient royal city back to life.**

**Thursday, December 3, 2009, 5:30 pm**

**Reservations required:  
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Please note: Dr. Ebbinghaus will speak on Saturday, December 5 at 2:00pm, at the Freer Gallery of Art, Meyer Auditorium on "Part Animal, Part Cup: Drinking Vessels from Ancient Iran." For more information, please contact the Visitor Information for Freer and Sackler Galleries, (202) 633-1000.



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