

SEMINAR IN ANCIENT HISTORY (190:690)  
THE ATHENIAN EMPIRE  
Spring 2003

**I. The Nature of the Seminar:**

We shall investigate the period from the Persian Wars to the Peloponnesian War that has traditionally been called the Pentekontaeteia 'Fifty Years,' following the lead of Thucydides, who was initially responsible for the periodization. Our particular focus will be the major political phenomenon peculiar to the period, the Athenian Empire, as it is called conventionally, or the Athenian hegemony or *arkhē*, as it may be termed more neutrally. We shall begin by reading closely the text of the narrative of Thucydides on the Pentekontaeteia (1.89-118) which will be supplemented with other passages from Thucydides that bear on Attic hegemony. Then we shall continue to an investigation of the important scholarly questions involving Attic hegemony in the fifth century. Although we shall cleave to a basically chronological framework, a topical secondary ordering is unavoidable because of the fragmentary character of the source material, so we will aggregate the material from various specific investigations. These testimonia will be listed under the entry for each meeting of the seminar, as many as possible of which should be read in Greek.

**II. The Requirements for the Seminar:**

The responsibilities of the students for the seminar are threefold: preparation for and participation in translation and discussion in the meetings (35%); sitting for an examination in Greek translation of the assigned materials (30%: self-administered during exam period); and completion of a c. 12-page research paper (35%) on a topic to be assigned.

**III. Meetings of the Seminar:**

**The Pentekontaeteia**

January 22: Thuc. 1.89-95; also read Rhodes, *Athenian Empire*

January 29: Thuc. 1.96-103, also 1.19, 68.3-4, 75-77, 80.3, 83.2, 128-135.2-138.6 ?? **DECIDE**

February 5: Thuc. 1.104-110, also 2.8.4-5, 9.4-5, 13.2-5, 63.1-2, 69.1-2; 3.2.1-3, 10.2-11.4, 19.1-2, 27.2-5, 34.4, 39.2, 8, 47.1-3, 50.2-3, 82.1,

February 12: Thuc. 1.111-118, also 4.50.1; 5.18.5, 89, 105; 6.76.3-4, 82-83; 7.28.4, 57.1-11; 8.24.3-4, 38.3

**The Athenian Empire**

February 19: Purpose, Formation, and Organization of the Delian League

Reread Thuc. 1.94-97.1, 98.4, 99.3; 3.10.2-5, 11.4; 6.76.3-4, 82-83.2

Read Hdt. 8.3.2; Aris. *Ath. Pol.* 23.4-5; Plut. *Arist.* 23.4, 25.1; Andoc. 3.37-38; Xen. *Poroi* 5.5; Antiphon 5.69-71; DS 11.43.3-45.5, 47.1; 70.3; 15.28.2-4; Just. 2.1-3

Meiggs *AE* 42-49; Rhodes *CAH*<sup>2</sup> 5.34-37; Brunt *Historia* (1953-54); Jackson *Historia* (1969); Sealey *ASI*; Robertson *AJAH* (1980)

February 26: The Tribute System and the Aristeidian Assessment

Reread Thuc. 1.96.1-2, 99.3; 5.18.5; Aris. *Ath. Pol.* 23.5

Read Hdt. 6.42.2; [Xen.] *Ath Pol.* 3.5; DS 11.46.4-47.2; Plut. *Arist.* 24.1-6, 26.3; Isoc. *De Pace* (8) 82; *Panath.* (12) 67-69; Dem. 23.209; Paus. 8.52.2

Meiggs *AE* 50-67, 234-39; Rhodes *CAH*<sup>2</sup> 5.37-40; Chambers *CP* (1958); Eddy *CP* (1968); French

(1972); Murray *Historia* (1966)

March 5: Kimon and the Expansion of the League (spatial scope of alliance); Thalassocracy

Reread Thuc. 1.19, 95.1, 98-101, 138.5, 2.9.4-5, 7.57.1-11; DS 11.70.3

Read Hdt. 7.106-7; Arist. *Wasps* 1091-1101; Plut. *Them.* 31; *Cimon* 11.1-13.4, 14.1-4, *Them.* 29.11; DS 11.60-62, 85.2; Aes. *Per.* 851-907; DH *AR* 1.3.2; [Xen.] 2.2-8; *IG I<sup>3</sup>* 1144a-d (Hill B 9)

Meiggs *AE* 68-91; Rhodes *CAH<sup>2</sup>* 5.34-37-49; Blackman *GRBS* (1969); Cole (1974)

March 12: First Peloponnesian War (Argos, Messenians); subjection of Aigina; “Land empire”; Revolts (esp. Euboia);

Reread Thuc. 105-108, 111-114; 7.57.8-9

Read DS 11.70.2-4, 78-86.1, 88.1-3; [Xen.] *Ath. Pol.* 3.11; Plut. *Cimon* 17.1-18.1; Aristodemos 12-15.3; Just. 3.6.1-11; Andoc. 3.6; Lys. 2.48-53; Lyc. fr. 9.2; Aris. *Rhet.* 1411a15-16; *IG I<sup>3</sup>* 39-40 (*SGHI* #52), 41e; 1147 (*SGHI* #33); Aelian *VH* 6.1; Paus. 5.10.4; Hesych. s.v. ἘΡΕΤΡΙΑΚὸς ΚΑΤΆΛΟΓΟΣ

Meiggs *AE* 92-128; Rhodes *CAH<sup>2</sup>* 5.49-54; Lewis *CAH<sup>2</sup>* 5.96-120; Croix *Origins* 186-96; Figueira *Excursions* 104-12

March 26: The Mid-century Empire (in crisis?); transfer of the League treasury; Egyptian Expedition & Peace of Kallias; Thirty Years Peace; Coinage Decree

Reread Thuc. 1.109-110, 114-115.1; Just. 3.6.1-4;

Read Plut. *Arist.* 25.3; *Cimon* 13.4-5; *Per.* 7.8, 17.1-3; DS 12.2.1. 4.5-6, 7, 26.2, 38.2, 54.3, 13.21.3; Theopompos fr. 88, 153-54; Arist. *Clouds* 211-13 with scholia; Isoc. 4.117-18, 120; 7.80; 12.59; Dem. 15.29, 19.273-74; Lyc. *Leoc.* 73; Aris. *Pol.* 1284a38; *Ath. Pol.* 24.2; Lys. 2.55-57; *IG I<sup>3</sup>* 38, 1453

Meiggs *AE* 129-204, 487-95; Lewis *CAH<sup>2</sup>* 5.121-38; Badian *JHS* (1987); Figueira *Power of Money* 457-89

April 2: Colonies and Cleruchies; Religious Relations (Panathenia, Dionysia, Atticizing cults)

Reread Thuc. 1.114.3; 3.50.2; 7.57.2; Theopompos fr. 88; Andoc. 3.9; DS 12.7, 22.2; Plut. *Per.* 7.8, 11.5; ΣArist. *Clouds* 213; *IG I<sup>3</sup>* 39-40, 41e

Read Plato *Epist.* 7.332B-C; Arist. *Ach.* 502-6 with scholia, *Clouds* 202-3 with scholia; Isoc. *Panegy.* (4) 107-9; DS 11.88.3, 15.29.8; Paus. 1.27.5; Ael. *VH* 6.1; *IG I<sup>3</sup>* 34.41-43 (Hill B46 = *SGHI* 46), 46 (Hill B55 = *SGHI* 49), 71.56-57 (Hill B87 = *SGHI* 69)

Meiggs *AE* 291-305; Figueira *Athens and Aigina* 66-73, 161-215, 226-41; Barron *JHS* (1964), (1983)

April 9: The Nature of the Periklean Empire, including the building program, Citizenship Law; ostracism of Thoukydides Melesiou; Tribute system c. 450; Samian War

Reread Thuc. 1.115.2-117.3; 2.63.1-2

Read Antiph. XV.49-56; Arist. *Ach.* 502-6 with scholia (cf. on 378), *Wasps* 715-18, 946-48 with scholia; Plut. *Per.* 11.5, 12.1-5, 14, 19.1, 23.4, 25-28; DS 12.27.4-28.3-4; 12.40.1; ΣDem. 22.13; *IG I<sup>3</sup>* 34 (Hill B46 = *SGHI* 46), 48 (*SGHI* 56)

Meiggs *AE* 239-90; Lewis *CAH<sup>2</sup>* 5.138-46; Figueira *Excursions* 197-230; Shipley *Samos* 109-31

April 16: Popularity of the Empire; *Autonomia* and autonomous allies; Judicial Relations (Jurisdiction; *Symbolai*)

Reread Thuc. 1.68.3-4, 77.1, 97.1, 98.4; 2.8.4-5, 9.5; 3.2.1-3.11.1, 39.2; Thuc. 4.108.3; 7.57.4, 7; 8.24.3-4, 38.3; Aris. *Pol.* 1284a38; *Ath. Pol.* 24.2; Plut. *Arist.* 23.4

Read Antiph. 5.47, 78; Arist. *Peace* 639-40, *Birds* 878-80 with scholia, 1046-55, 1422-25 with scholia;

[Xen.] *Ath. Pol.* 2.16-18; Isoc. *Panath.* (4) 113, *Panegy.* (12) 63, 66; Harp. s.v. **σύμβολα**;  
[Dem.] 7.11-13; *IG I<sup>3</sup>* 6.40-43 = Hill B8; 10 = B10 = Meiggs-Lewis, *SGHI* 31; 14.29-38 = B26 =  
*SGHI* 40; 66 = B85 = Tod, *GHI* 63; 118.10-11 = *SGHI* 87; 127.15-18 = *SGHI* 94  
Meiggs *AE* 220-33, 375-96; Figueira *Excursions* 255-92; Croix *Historia* (1961), Hopper *JHS* (1943)

April 23: Encouragement of Democracy; Apparatus for control (oaths, archons, garrisons, *proxenoi*,  
*episkopoi*); chronological controversies over epigraphic dates

Reread: Thuc. 3.27.2-3, 47.1-3, 3.82.1; Lys. 2.55-56; Isoc. *Panath.* (12) 68

Read: [Xen.] *Ath. Pol.* 1.14 (cf. 1.16), 1.19, 3.2, 10; Arist. *Ach.* 641-45, *Wasps* 235-37, *Birds* 1009-57;  
Eupolis fr. 233K; Antiph. 5.47; Aris. *Pol.* 1307b22; *Ath. Pol.* 24.3; Isoc. *Panegy.* (4) 104-6,  
*Areopag.* (7) 65; Harpocration s.v. **ἐπίσκοπος**; *IG I<sup>3</sup>* 14 (Hill B26 = Meiggs-Lewis, *SGHI* 40),  
19 (B33), 21.10-22 (B30), 27, 34 (B46 = *SGHI* 46), 37 (B49 = *SGHI* 47), 48 (B62 = *SGHI* 56),  
110 (*SHGI* 90), 156 (B80)

Meiggs *AE* 205-19; Croix *Historia* (1954/55); Bradeen *Historia* (1960); Figueira *Power of Money* 431-  
48

April 30: The *Arkhē* under War: the Demagogues; wartime assessments; Peace of Nikias; conversion of the  
tribute system

Reread Thuc. 1.80.3, 83.2; 2.13.2-5, 3.2.1-3, 39.8, 50.2, 69.1-2; 5.89, 105.2; 6.83.2-4; Antiph. XV.49-  
56; Plut. *Arist.* 24.4-5

Read Arist. *Knights* 1070-72 with scholia, *Wasps* 698-718; *Peace* 619-27; Andoc. 3.3-9; [Andoc.] 4.11;  
Xen. *Poroi* 5.6; *IG I<sup>3</sup>* 71 (Hill B87 = *SGHI* 69), 77, 101 (Hill B89 = *SGHI* 89), 118 (Hill B90 =  
*SGHI* 87), 127 (Hill B92 = *SGHI* 94), 290, 369 (Hill B88 = *SGHI* 72)

Meiggs *AE* 306-74; *ATL* 3.326-66; Figueira *Athens and Aigina* 185-93; Samons *Empire* 212-48

#### PAPER TOPICS FOR 2003:

- 1) *Apotaxis* and *Synteleia* at Erythrai
- 2) Recent scholarship on the Assessment of 425 and Attic Finances during the 420s
- 3) The Nature and chronology of Attic Interventions at Miletos
- 4) The Chalcidice and the Status of the Athenian Tribute in the Period of the Peace of Nikias
- 5) The Religious Responsibilities of the Allies at the Panatheneia
- 6) Delian League Interventions in Cyprus
- 7) The Status of Research on the Peace of Kallias
- 8) Anomalous Status(es?) of Athenians Overseas during the *Arkhē*
- 9) The Nature of the Reserve Fund
- 10) Athenian Grants and Honors to Allied Citizens