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*Our next meeting is Sunday – October 14, 2018: Lunch at 2 PM, Speaker at 3 PM*

## ***Beer and Women of Ill Repute in Mesopotamia***

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Beer was a ubiquitous staple in ancient Mesopotamia, and its production, distribution, and consumption are attested throughout the cuneiform record. Indeed, the famous Code of Hammurabi highlights the



tavern as an important feature of the Mesopotamian urban landscape.

In Mesopotamia there seems to have been a strong association between beer and women, often woman of ill repute. Thus, the Code of Hammurabi regulates the production and sale of beer referring exclusively to female brewers, or brewsters. Terracotta reliefs often depict women drinking beer through a straw while engaged in sexual intercourse. Perhaps most famously, when Gilgamesh travels to the end of the world in, he encounters a brewster named Siduri.

This presentation explores more closely the association between women and beer in ancient Mesopotamia, as well as the role of taverns there.

## **Meeting Place:**

Duangrat's Thai Restaurant 5878 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041

**Travel Hints:** (Please obtain complete directions via GPS or MapQuest) Duangrat's Thai Restaurant is on Route 7 (Leesburg Pike) near Baileys Crossroads and Columbia Pike. Convenient to I-66, Route 50 and I-395. Free parking. **Upstairs - not handicapped accessible!**

**Standard Costs:** **Members** Meal \$25.00 Lecture \$7.00 *per person*  
**Non-members** Meal \$25.00 Lecture \$10.00 *per person*

We also welcome those only interested in attending the lecture, which will begin at approximately 3 pm

## ***HOW TO MAKE A RESERVATION:***

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