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**RECENT RESEARCH IN LYDIAN SARDIS**

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This lecture will take place both in person,  
at the Turkish American Association, Reşat Aktan Hall,

and on Zoom,

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Sardis is one of the most prominent and long-lived ancient cities in Anatolia. It hosted numerous peoples and cultures throughout its long history that spans from the Bronze Age to the Medieval era (circa 2000 BCE–1500 CE). Most notably, Sardis was the homeland of the Lydians. The Lydian kings converted Sardis into an imperial capital by ambitious building programs from the seventh century BCE onwards, as they expanded their territory over much of western Anatolia. In scholarship, this expansion is often portrayed as relatively sudden and rapid, with no former evidence for power structures predating the seventh century BCE, and researchers have frequently directed their efforts to the understanding of Lydia's outward influence in the wider region during its political growth. In this talk, Dr. Eren discusses recent research at Sardis with two major objectives that venture away from such general efforts: to introduce the gradual background of power centralization in Lydian Sardis and to present material manifestations of imperialization at the core capital.