

Edward M. Harris



Edward M. Harris received a BA in Classics from Stanford University, a BA in Classics (Literae humaniores) from Oxford University, and an MA and PhD from Harvard University. He taught at Brooklyn College CUNY from 1983 to 2005 and was a member of the Graduate School (CUNY) from 1986 to 2005. In 2005 he became Professor of Ancient History at Durham University and in 2009 became Research Professor until his retirement in 2013. He is now Emeritus Professor of Ancient History at Durham University and Honorary Professorial Fellow at the University of Edinburgh. In autumn 1998 he was a Member of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton NJ, and in 2004/2005 an NEH Fellow at the American School of Classical Studies at Athens. In 2002/2003 he was Professeur invité at the University of Paris, Panthéon-Sorbonne and in May 2012 he was Directeur d'études invité at the École pratique des hautes études, Paris.

Professor Harris has written extensively on many aspects of the history of ancient Greece including the political and legal institutions of Classical Athens, the economy of ancient Greece, gender and sexuality, rhetoric and oratory, Greek religion, Attic tragedy, and Greek epigraphy. His first book was a study of the Athenian politician Aeschines. His book *Democracy and the Rule of Law in Classical Athens: Essays on Law, Society, and Politics in Classical Athens* contains twenty-two essays about aspects of the rule of law and makes a substantial contribution to the study of law and the family and law and economy. *The Rule of Law in Action in Democratic Athens* uses ideas drawn from New Institutionalism to understand important aspects of the Athenian legal system and to show how the legal system worked in daily life and its impact (sometimes negative) on politics in the late fifth century. Professor Harris has also co-edited five volumes of essays, two of which contain studies of Greek Law (*The Law and the Courts in Ancient Greece* and *Symposium 2007: Vorträge zur griechischen und hellenistischen Rechtsgeschichte*). *Markets, Households and City-States in the Ancient Greek World*, which he co-edited with David Lewis and Mark Woolmer, is the first volume to combine archaeological evidence and draw on the insights of New Institutional Economics to produce a new understanding of the role of markets in the ancient Greek economy. With David Lewis and Edmund Stewart, he is now co-editing a volume on *Professions in the Ancient World* (Cambridge University Press).

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