



## HERZFELD, ERNST

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**HERZFELD, Ernst Emil** (1879-1948; [Figure 1](#)), archeologist, philologist, and polyhistor, one of the towering figures in ancient Near Eastern and Iranian studies during the first half of the 20th century. To him we owe many decisive contributions to Islamic, Sasanian, and Prehistoric archaeology and history of Iran, Iraq, and Syria. He was the first professor for Near Eastern archaeology in the world and instrumental in drafting and issuing the first Persian law of antiquities. This entry will be treated in the following sections:

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