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- 1 This contribution provides a succinct up-to-date summary of our knowledge on the status of Achaemenid royal women by a leading expert on the topic. In addition to the deconstruction of Greek accounts of palace intrigues and vengeful queens, the a. considers a wide and diverse range of primary sources to rectify still prevailing misconceptions. Important points discussed are the onomastics of Achaemenid royal women, the possible Elamite heritage as regards the role of women at court and their attire (based on iconographic representations), as well as the economic liberty enjoyed by royal women as evident in their landed properties. For this last point, evidence from both the Persepolis archives and from the Murašû archive from the city of Nippur in Babylonia is considered.

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