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## Cultures:

### Greek Courtesans (Hetairae)

- [Courtesans in Ancient Rome](#) - slideshow
- [Hetaira entry - Encyclopaedia Romana](#)
- [Hetaira entry - Wikipedia](#)
- How Phyllis (Alexander's Mistress) outwitted Aristototele: [story](#), [art](#)
- [Mimes of the Courtesans](#)
- [Pallakae entry - Wikipedia](#)
- [Prostitution in ancient Greece entry - Wikipedia](#)
- [Symposium by Plato](#) - ebook
- [Women in Classical Athens](#) - essay

### Indian Courtesans (Ganika)

- [Docu-drama "The Courtesans of Bombay" made by Merchant Ivory \(1983\)](#). This scene shows a performance by one of the best women in the building performing traditional Kathak
- [Kama Sutra entry - Wikipedia](#)
- [Karene Jade - Kama Sutra: Eastern Philosophy of Art & Love](#)
- [Lalita Dasa \(SCA Persona\)'s site](#)

### Italian Courtesans (Cortigiane)

- [Bella Donna Courtesans](#) (performers)
- [Chopines: Renaissance platform shoes popularly worn in Venice by both courtesans and patrician women](#)
- [Dyes, Diets and Deodorants: Venetian Beauty Secrets Revealed](#)
- [The Female Condition in Venice Through the Centuries](#) (archived)

- [Franco, Veronica \(1546-1591\), Venetian Courtesan Poet](#)
- [Life Imitates Myth: The Renaissance Cortigiana](#) by [Giata Magdalena Alberti](#)
- [Tullia d'Aragona - Sunshine for Women](#) (archived)
- [Venetian Chopines: Material culture keys to understanding similarities and differences between China and Venice, noble women and courtesans](#) [abridged version]
- [Veronica Franco](#) - biography at [The Honest Courtesan](#) (blog)
- [Veronica Franco and First Wave Feminism: Reaching From the Past, Building Towards the Future](#)
- [Veronica Franco and Venetian Courtesans](#)

## Japanese Courtesans (Geisha, Oiran, Tayu)

- [Geta entry - Wikipedia](#) - footwear worn by Oiran
- [Oiran entry - Wikipedia](#)
- [Women of the Pleasure Quarters: The Secret History of the Geisha](#)

## Korean Courtesans (Kisaeng)

- [Kisaeng entry - Wikipedia](#)

## Middle Eastern Courtesans (Almeh, Odalisque)

- [Harem: the Favourites](#)
- [Structure of the Ottoman Harem and Personal Recollections of Life in the Harem of Sultan Abdülhamid II](#)

## Roman Courtesans (Meretrices)

- [Meretrix entry - Wikipedia](#)

## History

### Contraception

- [Contraceptive or protective? The slow rise of the condom](#)
- [History of Contraception](#) - Global Library of Women's Medicine
- [The history of the condom](#) - Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine

### Pornography

- [Satan in the Groin: Exhibitionist Carvings in Medieval Churches](#)

### Sex Work

- [Prostitutes and Courtesans in the Ancient World](#) - ebook
- [“Tis Pity She's a Whore”: the ‘Whore’ in Whores of Yore](#)
- [What Makes a “Prostitute” a Prostitute? Modern Definitions and Ancient Meanings](#)

### Sexuality

To be sorted:

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bluestocking>

<http://www.basbleu.com/info/bluestocking.html>

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compagnie\\_della\\_Calza](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Compagnie_della_Calza)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WGoj3I5IODc>

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/KWCSCA/permalink/466990170327182/>)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bacchanalia>

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Maenad>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B5bfRkomVkg>

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[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baimei\\_Shen](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baimei_Shen)

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