The Council of the Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation invite you to the first of our public lectures for 2015.

**6.30pm**
**Wednesday 22nd April 2015**

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**PUBLIC LECTURE**

**THE NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY FOUNDATION**

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**ARCHAEOLOGY IN PALESTINE**

by Dr Ross Burns, Macquarie University

The archaeology of Palestine is vital to our understanding of the history of the Middle East, yet the work being done at the major sites of the West Bank receives little attention even among experts. In spite of the difficult political environment, work is being undertaken at a number of sites by local and foreign teams. This talk will take you on a tour of some of the most interesting places: Bethlehem, Herodium, Hebron/Mamre, Jericho, Nablus/Tell Balata, Samaria/Sebasteia and Mount Gerizim (originally the cult centre of the Samaritans). The lecture will finish with a quick visit to the Haram al-Sharif in Jerusalem and the environs of the platform of the Herodian Temple.

**Ross Burns** is a graduate in history and archaeology from Sydney University but never managed to shake off his interest in the ancient history of the Middle East during a career in the Australian Foreign Service. He has rounded off his experience of a number of Middle East postings with a recent Ph D at Macquarie University on Roman colonnaded streets. Along the way he has published two books on the history of Syria and is completing a history of Aleppo for Routledge. Many of his photos can be seen on his website, www.monumentsofsyrria.com, and on the Manar al- Athar site at Oxford University www.manar-al-athar.ox.ac.uk.

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