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Nicholson Museum Invitation

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How Spartan were the Spartans?



Tuesday 13 May 2008

6 for 6.30 pm

In the Nicholson Museum
Main Quadrangle, University of Sydney

\$25 (\$20 Friends of the Nicholson Museum; \$15 students)

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How Spartan were the Spartans? Beyond the Mirage of Austerity and Conformity

Dr Brian Brennan presents an overview of Spartan society using new archaeological material, recent scholarship and a reappraisal of the literary evidence. How much of the Spartan military myth is real? How can archaeological evidence provide a new way of shedding light on Spartan daily life? (Nearly) all will be revealed!



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