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Ben Churcher graduated from Queensland University in 1983; the same year he won a scholarship to participate in the University of Sydney's archaeological excavations at Pella in Jordan. This experience fostered a fascination for all things archaeological that has seen him travel to many parts of the globe in order to see first-hand some of the world's great archaeological sites and monuments.

Since 1993 he has lead tours for the University of Sydney's CCE and Near Eastern Archaeological Foundation, which have included destinations as far afield as China, Mexico, Mali, Syria and Iran. Ben has also taken four tours to Egypt, as well as visiting the country for long periods as a private traveller.



Nicholson Museum Invitation

Wednesday 24 June 2009

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In the footsteps of Herodotus: travels in modern Egypt



To travel to Egypt is a dream many people hold – to see the pyramids, to look at exquisite tomb art or to perhaps do nothing more than lounge on a boat as the Nile slips by.

While visitors from around the world are welcome, their high numbers do create issues that are being grappled with by the Egyptian government. The most serious is to maintain social cohesion in the face of such outside pressure and the second, of importance to archaeologists, is the fate of many monuments that are being 'loved to death'. This lecture will follow in Herodotus' footsteps some 2,500 years later as we revisit Egypt and explore some of the tourism-related issues facing the country in the 21st century.

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6 for 6.30 pm

In the Nicholson Museum
Main Quadrangle, University of Sydney

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