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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY FOUNDATION

WEDNESDAY 25 MARCH 2020

The Council of the Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation invite you to the Annual General Meeting followed by a public lecture.

Wednesday 25 March 2020

Centre for Classical and Near Eastern Studies of Australia (CCANESA)

Level 4 Madsen Building F09
University of Sydney

AGM at 6.30pm
Lecture at 7.15pm

This event is free, however, to help us with catering, could you please email or phone NEAF with a notification of your intention to attend by **20 March 2020**.

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Public Lecture

THE LEGACY OF THE CAPE GELIDONYA WRECK

Bronze Age Maritime Trade in the Mediterranean

Dr Joseph Lehner



The ship that sank at Cape Gelidonya (Turkey) ca. 1200 BCE is one of only three known wrecks dating to the Late Bronze Age, though this was an era of intensive overseas exchange in the Mediterranean. The cargo on the Cape Gelidonya wreck contained well over 1.2 tons of copper and tin, together with broken bronze tools intended to be remelted and refashioned into useful implements. The ship likely belonged to a tinker traveling a circuit along the coasts of Cyprus, Syria, and southern Anatolia.

Newer discoveries at Cape Gelidonya have now shed new light onto this important site, and cutting-edge scientific analyses of the cargo now gives us brand new insight into Bronze Age technologies and trade networks. Even more, we get a view into the life of a maritime metal at the end of the Bronze Age when the famous civilizations and empires of the Mediterranean, Egypt, and the Near East experienced significant upheaval. In this lecture, Dr Lehner presents the Cape Gelidonya shipwreck in its cultural and historical context, revealing how maritime cultures and trade in this crucial time period functioned and what new problems now emerge in the study of ancient societies in this dynamic region.

Dr Joseph Lehner is currently an Australian Research Council Discovery Early Career Researcher Award Fellow at the University of Sydney Department of Archaeology. He codirects research at the Cape Gelidonya shipwreck together with the Institute of Nautical Archaeology.