



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

THE NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY FOUNDATION

WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2017

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

Wednesday 15 March 2017

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

Level 4 Madsen Building F09
University of Sydney

AGM at 6.30pm
Lecture at 7.00pm

This event is free, however, to help us with catering, could you please email or phone NEAF a notification of your intention to attend by **10 March 2017**.

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Public Lecture

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF WESTERN ASIA TODAY *CHALLENGES, OLD AND NEW*

Professor Barbara Helwing, The University of Sydney



The archaeology of ancient Western Asia faces today severe challenges and threats. Can archaeology as a discipline react against, or prevent, such irreversible loss of its sources, and if so, how? This lecture will review the practice of archaeology in Western Asia from its beginning in colonial times until today, drawing on case studies from Professor Helwing's personal field of interest in Turkey, Iran and the Southern Caucasus.

Barbara Helwing is the Edwin Cuthbert Hall Chair in Middle Eastern Archaeology since 2016. As former Head of the German Archaeological Institute in Tehran in Iran she is fully aware of the political dimensions that archaeology holds in the countries of the Ancient Near East. Her own research focuses geographically onto Iran, Turkey, and more recently Azerbaijan, with a major interest on crucial transformations during the early periods of ancient Western Asia, including early complexity and innovative technologies such as metallurgy. She has published widely on topics of Mesopotamian, Turkish and Iranian archaeology.