

PUBLIC LECTURE

THE NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY FOUNDATION
WEDNESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2018



The Council of the Near Eastern Archaeology Foundation invite you to our series of public lectures.

Wednesday 26 Sept. 2018

Centre for Classical and Near Eastern Studies of Australia (CCANESA)
Level 4 Madsen Building F09
University of Sydney

6.30 to 7.30pm followed by a light supper

Bookings are essential for this event. We prefer prepayment by **21 September 2018**.

All prepaid tickets will be available at the door.

DAMASCUS 1918

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Monument to the Australian Light Horse: originally at Port Said in Egypt, now at Albany, WA.

archaeological examination of the city? Did the Light Horse spoil Lawrence of Arabia's stage-managed entry to the city at the head of an Hejazi Arab army under Prince Feisal? And did that matter anyway given that Britain had already twice promised Syria, the first time to the French and was about to sideline Feisal in any case?

Ross Burns is the author of *Damascus, A History* in the Routledge Cities of the Ancient World Series, first published in 2005. A thoroughly revised second edition is currently in press. In the same series, he published the first comprehensive history of *Aleppo* in English in 2017.

Ross' first publication, *Monuments of Syria* (I B Tauris 1992, 1999, 2009) has for 25 years provided the definitive examination of Syria's rich historical remains. He maintains a companion website (www.monumentsofsyria.com) that records visually all the 132 sites in 'Monuments'. Since 2012, the website has been providing a monthly readout on the damage suffered to Syria's archaeological treasures.

DAMASCUS 1918

Ross Burns
MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY

What happened one hundred years ago when the Australian Tenth Light Horse Regiment entered Damascus? What sort of city did they encounter—both in terms of its historical background and its condition in the last years of the Ottomans? Why did the Ottoman commander, Jemal Pasha, spend much of his time on replanning and beautifying the city while Turkish control of the region slipped away? Why did Jemal engage a German archaeological team to do a detailed survey of the Classical and Islamic city in the midst of war, starvation, and chaos—a survey which to this day still remains the most detailed

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