

# PUBLIC LECTURE

THE NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY FOUNDATION  
WEDNESDAY 25 JULY 2018



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

**Wednesday 25 July 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 **20 July 2018**.

All prepaid tickets will be available at the door.

## THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF LAWRENCE IN ARABIA

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T.E. Lawrence's war was largely fought over the Ottoman Hejaz railway, servicing the pilgrim route from Damascus to Medina. During the war, Ottoman forces struggled to maintain free movement up and down the line, while Arab Hashemite rebel forces under Amir Hussein and his four sons, tried to disrupt communications and wear down Ottoman garrison forces.

WWI battlefield archaeology has largely confined itself to the the Western Front, with 'peripheral' theatres of war broadly ignored. The Arabian 'campaigns' of 1917-18 have only recently become the subject of research, and rather different methods are required to

document key elements in these much less clearly defined battlefields.

This lecture will consider Lawrence's war in the Hejaz (1916-18), examining key elements in the Hejazi 'battlefield', how archaeological research is undertaken, and where the major difficulties lie, before seeking to place Arabian 'battlefield archaeology' in a wider scholarly and popular context.

**Dr. Stephen Bourke** directs the Pella Excavation Project, and is current NEAF Treasurer. He has nearly forty years field experience in the Middle East, with interests ranging from Palaeolithic bioarchaeology, through ancient and modern 'battlefield' archaeology, to the biographical histories of key personalities who have shaped the discipline. He had the opportunity to explore the Hejaz railway monuments in a memorable field trip in 2005, carrying *Seven Pillars* in one hand and an ancient Pentax camera in the other. He dropped both frequently. He quite likes trains.

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