

PUBLIC LECTURE

THE NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY FOUNDATION
WEDNESDAY 6 APRIL 2016



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

Wednesday 6 April 2016

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 **1 April 2016**.

All prepaid tickets will be available at the door.

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James Fraser
THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Megalithic *dolmen* tombs are some of the most striking features in the archaeological landscape of the southern Levant. Yet their visibility has made them an easy target for tomb robbers over the last 5000 years. Consequently, archaeologists have struggled to place these mysterious monuments into their true cultural contexts. This lecture presents the results of recent NEAF-funded fieldwork investigating a *dolmen* cemetery in Jordan. This fieldwork underscores a new theory that proposes that highly-visible dolmen tombs helped reconfigure the ways in which people engaged with the landscape in the 4th millennium BCE, a time when the region's earliest civilisations developed a new urban way of life.

James Fraser completed his PhD in Middle Eastern Archaeology at the University of Sydney in 2015, and is currently a Project Curator for the Ancient Levant at the British Museum. James has undertaken fieldwork in Jordan, Syria, Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Kashmir, Greece, Cambodia and the Solomon Islands. He directed the North Jordan Tomb Project as part of his PhD research, investigating *dolmens* and other megalithic structures in the east rift escarpment of the Jordan Valley in the Wadi ar-Rayyan.

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