

## **Destruction of Monuments and Memory in the Middle East**

16<sup>th</sup> December 2015 – Asia House, London W1G 7LP



Conference organised by Iran Heritage Foundation and sponsored by Lipman Karas LLP

Registration (09.30 – 10.00)

(1) Introduction (10.00 – 10.15)

(2) Setting the Scene

Iraq (10.15-11.15)

Dr John Curtis (Iran Heritage Foundation) – ‘The Pre-Islamic Period’

Dr Al-Ghailani Werr (Independent Scholar) – ‘Muslim Monuments’

Dr Erica Hunter (SOAS and University of Cambridge) - ‘Churches and Monasteries’

Coffee (11.15-11.30)

Syria (11.30-12.00)

Dr Emma Loosley (University of Exeter)

North Africa (Libya, Tunisia, Egypt) (12.00-12.30)

Dr Hafeed Walda (King’s College London)

Yemen (12.30 – 1.00)

Dr Noha Sadek (Paris)

Lunch (1.00 – 2.00)

(3) The Ideology of ISIS (2.00 – 2.40)

Dr Sussan Babaie (Courtauld Institute) – ‘Iconoclasm in the Islamic Tradition’

Charlie Winter (Quilliam Foundation) – ‘Transnational Jihadism’

(4) The Military and Regulatory Frameworks (2.40-3.40)

Major-General Sir Barney White-Spunner - ‘Military and Cultural Co-operation in Southern Iraq: a Case History’

Major Hugo Clarke - ‘The Protection of Monuments in MENA: the Case for and against Military Intervention’

Vernon Rapley (former head of Art and Antiques Squad, Scotland Yard) – ‘Policing the illicit trade in antiquities’

Statement from the Antiquities Dealers Association

Tea (3.40 – 4.00)

(5) The Press Coverage (4.00-4.30)

Maev Kennedy (The Guardian)

Martin Bailey (The Art Newspaper)

Sebastian Usher (BBC)

(6) The International Reaction (4.30-5.40)

Professor David Freedberg (Director of Warburg Institute) – ‘Image Making and Image Breaking’

Jonathan Tubb (British Museum) – ‘The British Museum Project’

Dr Robert Bewley (University of Oxford) – ‘Recording Damage to Monuments: Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa’

Dr Bijan Rouhani (ICOMOS) - ‘The reaction of ICOMOS’

(7) Concluding Discussion (5.40-6.30)

Reception (6.30-7.30)

The seminar will be followed by a drinks reception