

15 Oct: Heritage Destruction in the Middle East: Beyond the Media Hype

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Start Date: 15th October 2015. 2pm – 5pm

Where: Deakin City Centre – Level 3, 550 Bourke Street, Melbourne.

The Middle East Studies Forum at the Alfred Deakin Institute for Citizenship and Globalisation welcomes you to a public half-day symposium.

Convened by Dr Benjamin Isakhan and Professor Tim Winter.

This half-day symposium focuses on the recent heritage destruction in Syria and Iraq by ISIS. Presenters will bring to the table a variety of interpretations on the factors driving the destruction and the challenges of mounting effective responses.

Topics and Speakers include:

Panel 1: Documenting and Interpreting the Destruction

- Heritage Destruction under the 'Islamic State' – Dr Benjamin Isakhan, Deakin University
- What does ISIS Communicate Through Iconoclasm? – Dr Antonio Gonzalez, Deakin University
- ISIS Attacks on Shia Shrines: Responses of Shia Community – Dr Taghreed Jamal Al-deen, Deakin University
- Media Coverage of Heritage Destruction in the Middle East – Dr Saba Bebawi, University of Technology, Sydney

Panel 2: The International Response; Challenges and Prospects

- SHIRĪN: Syrian Heritage in Danger – Dr Andrew Jamieson, Melbourne University
- Examining Initiatives to Reconstruct Artefacts Destroyed in the Mosul Museum – Diane Siebrandt, Deakin University
- How gaps in the Law Endanger Heritage in Contemporary Armed Conflicts – Dr Lucas Lixinski, UNSW
- Heritage Conservation Diplomacy and the International System of States – Professor Tim Winter, Deakin University

Please RSVP by Friday 9 October to Toyah Horman on toyah.horman@deakin.edu.au if you would like to attend.