

Christmas Lecture and Wine Reception

# Cultural Heritage of Libya



Arch of Trajan, Leptis Magna

**Dr Hafed Walda**

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**Thursday 15th December 2011, 6.30 – 8.30pm**

The Gallery, 77 Cowcross Street, London EC1M 6EJ

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The extraordinary wealth of Libya's cultural heritage encompasses the Greek and Roman monuments of the Mediterranean coast between Tunisia and Algeria such as Cyrene, Leptis Magna, Sabratha, the desert and Gebel pre-desert tribal cultures of the huge expanses of southern Libya stretching down to the borders of Chad and Niger, towns on the salt route across the Sahara, such as Ghadames, and the spectacular pre-historic rock art sites of Tadrart Acacus.

These irreplaceable elements of the world's culture stretching back thousands of years face very real threats in the wake of the recent military action. The need to acknowledge the importance of these sites cannot be overestimated, and to prepare them for the challenges that a rapidly developing tourist industry could bring.

Dr Hafed Walda will profile the cultural heritage of Libya – its World Heritage sites and the many urban and desert sites that remain totally un-designated and un-protected - and offer his view on the needs now facing the country to raise awareness of this legacy and put in place structures to sustain their value.

**Dr Hafed Walda.** After gaining his bachelor's degree in his native Libya, Hafed came to the Institute of Archaeology in London where he obtained his doctorate in Roman Art and Archaeology. At the British Museum he co-ordinated the setting up of the new Roman Gallery which has become a focal point for many visitors to the Museum. He used his experience in directing the excavation at Leptis Magna to advise the Libyan Department of Antiquities in the creation of the new museum. Currently Research Fellow at King's College London, where as well as teaching courses in Roman Art, Roman Architecture and Introduction to Archaeology, he is involved in digitalisation projects within the School of Arts and Humanities. In September 2011 he was part of a Blue Shield delegation to Libya representing the Libyan Department of Antiquities and in October 2011 he represented Libya at an UNESCO Expert meeting in Paris.

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