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PRESS RELEASE

Founder's Lecture
Entangled At Çatalhöyük: Material Life in the First Cities



What: FREE Lecture and Reception

Where: Lecture in Yenching Institute, Harvard University, 2 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, MA
Reception follows in the Peabody Museum, 11 Divinity Ave.

When: Thursday, April 16, 5:30 P.M.

Contact: 617-496-1027 (Public Information)

Lecture by: Dr. Ian Hodder, Stanford University

(Cambridge, March 16, 2009) What can 9000-year-old murals from a site in Central Turkey reveal about early life in that region? At the ancient site of Çatalhöyük in Central Turkey, new excavations have created new meaning for the fascinating painted scenes with rich narrative content. Speaker Dr. Ian Hodder has excavated the site since 1993. New excavations at other sites in Turkey, especially Gobekli Tepe, have also contributed to new interpretations and implications for our understanding of life in the earliest towns of that region.

In the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology Founder's Lecture, "Entangled At Çatalhöyük: Material Life in the First Cities," Dr. Hodder will describe what the ancient murals reveal about the people who lived there. The free public lecture will take place Thursday April 16, 2009 at 5:30 PM at Harvard's Yenching Institute, 2 Divinity Ave. in Cambridge.

Speaker

British archaeologist Ian Hodder is Director of the Çatalhöyük Archaeological Project and Dunlevie Family Professor in the department of cultural and social anthropology at Stanford University. His excavations at Çatalhöyük were the first to use his now-popular postprocessual theory of archaeology which rejects interpretations of archaeological discoveries based purely on scientific methods as being vulnerable to personal and cultural biases.

About the Peabody Museum

The Peabody Museum is among the oldest archaeological and ethnographic museums in the world with one of the finest collections of human cultural history found anywhere. It is home to superb materials from Africa, ancient Europe, North America, Mesoamerica, Oceania, and South America in particular. In addition to its archaeological and ethnographic holdings, the Museum's photographic archives, one of

the largest of its kind, hold more than 500,000 historical photographs, dating from the mid-nineteenth century to the present and chronicling anthropology, archaeology, and world culture.

Location: The Peabody Museum is located at 11 Divinity Avenue in Cambridge. The Museum is a short walk from the Harvard Square MBTA station.

Hours: 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., seven days a week. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$7 for students and seniors, \$6 for children, 3–18. Free with Harvard ID or Museum membership. The Museum is free to Massachusetts residents Sundays, 9 A.M. to noon, year round, and Wednesdays from 3 P.M. to 5 P.M. (September to May). Admission includes admission to the Harvard Museum of Natural History. For more information call 617-496-1027 or go online to: www.peabody.harvard.edu.

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