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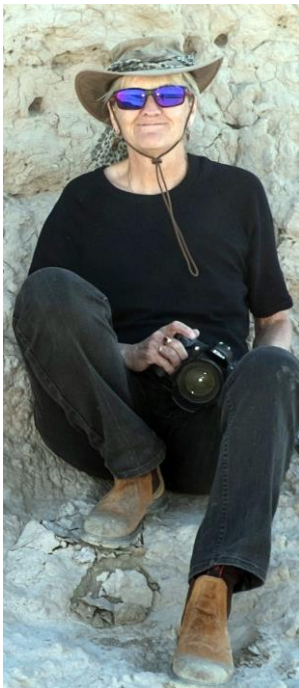


Kingship and the Gods in Ancient Khorezm: new light on the early history of Zoroastrianism

by

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The subject: Excavations at the Royal seat of Akchakhan-kala in north-west Uzbekistan have revealed remarkable architecture and mural art that radically changes our current view of the early historical development of one of the world's great religions, Zoroastrianism.



The Lecturer: Alison Betts is Professor of Silk Road Studies at the University of Sydney. She is an Adjunct Professorial Fellow at the Institute of Archaeology, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences and Adjunct Professor at the Centre for Central Asian Studies, University of Kashmir. Over the past thirty-five years, she has led archaeological field expeditions across the length of the old Silk Roads from the Middle East through Central Asia to China and the western Himalayas. Her current projects include in-depth study of ancient Khorezm and research into the birth of the Silk Roads through fieldwork in Xinjiang and Kashmir.

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**Venue: Australian Institute of Archaeology, Terrace Way, McLeod
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