

History & Generalism: Perpetrating Humanities inside of Assyriology

Český egyptologický ústav FF UK zve na přednášku dr. Setha F. C. Richardsona (University of Chicago), která se uskuteční dne 16. června od 14:00 v místnosti č. C419 (Český egyptologický ústav FF UK), Celetná 20, Praha 1.

Dr. Seth F. C. Richardson (University of Chicago) je absolventem Columbia University v New Yorku (Ancient Near Eastern Studies, 2002) a jako historik se zaměřením na starověký Přední východ se věnuje zejména politickým, sociálním a ekonomickým dějinám 2. tisíciletí př. n. l. Zvláštní pozornost věnuje bezpečnostním otázkám závěru starobabylónského období.

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Přednáška se uskuteční za podpory projektu GA ČR P401/12/G168 Historie a interpretace Bible a bude přednesena v anglickém jazyce.

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