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Between 1995 and 1998, she worked on the archaeological excavation of Beirut. In 2009, she was awarded an Endeavour Scholarship as a result of which she has just returned from four months working on her research into the terracotta figurines of the ancient city.

## Nicholson Museum Invitation

# beirut: ya habibi

an evening with archaeologist  
ghada daher



in conjunction with the Australian Lebanese Foundation



Lebanon is well known for Baalbeck's monumental acropolis, Tyre's hippodrome, and Byblos' Phoenician alphabet. Little however was known about the Beirut of Antiquity until recent archaeological excavations. Between 1991 and September 2009, over 50,656 sq metres were excavated. Remains show continuous habitation from Prehistory through to the Phoenician epoch in the Iron Age. Like other coastline cities, Beirut became part of successive empires: Assyrian, Persian, Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Islamic, Crusader, Mamluk, Ottoman and French. Out of such diverse influences, Beirut's culture evolved with its distinctive characteristics, while maintaining its open outlook to the outside world.

This lecture looks at recent archaeological excavations and outlines the challenges facing archaeologists, urban planners, business and politicians, between preserving *in situ* the few remaining archaeological sites and the development of urban projects.

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**6 for 6.30 pm**

In the Nicholson Museum  
Main Quadrangle, University of Sydney

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