



A Day of Talks and Tours at the British Museum

Sunday 17th May 2009 10.30 – 16.00

The British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 3DG

Clore Education Centre, Stevenson Lecture Theatre

Presented by [The Open University](#) in association with the British Museum



Come along to the British Museum and join in a host of free activities and talks from Archaeology to India and Religion.

If you are thinking of studying with The Open University, our advisers will be available throughout the day to provide information and advice about our courses.



PROGRAMME

11.00 **From Eden to Ice Ages: the Discovery of Climate Change**

For 250 years archaeological discoveries have raised questions and provided evidence about past environments. This talk will explore the history of our understanding of climate change and how archaeology contributes to it.

Dr. Jill Cook, Curator, Department of Pre-History and Europe, The British Museum

12.00 **Changing the Climate through Design and Innovation**

This talk looks at how creativity in the form of design and innovation has transformed the world and how it is critical to our coping with climate change and wider sustainability challenges that lie ahead. The talk will be illustrated with examples of ideas, attitudes, technologies, and processes that have shaped the world and will do in the future.

Dr. Stephen Peake, Senior Lecturer in Environmental Technology, The Open University

13.00 **The Accountant, his Family, their Friends and a Party - Nebamun and the Art of Memory**

Around 4000 years ago, Nebamun commissioned a tomb chapel to be decorated with stunning painted images of his family life. The recently restored and redisplayed fragments in the British Museum give us an exquisite visual record, in something approaching their former glory, of the world of an ancient Egyptian Court official and his aspirations for a happy and fulfilled afterlife for him, his family and friends.

Ms. Sue Vost, Senior Associate Lecturer in Art History, The Open University

14.00 The Olympics and Other Games in Ancient Greece

One of the ways the ancient Greeks defined themselves was by their participation in the Olympic and other 'panhellenic' festivals. The games, which featured athletic events alongside competitions of other types of prowess, were a unifying force across the Greek-speaking world. This lecture, featuring objects from the British Museum's collections, looks at the nature and purpose of the sacred festivals of Ancient Greece.

Carolyn Perry, Director of The MBI Al Jaber Foundation

15.00 Encountering the Gods: Religious Experience in Indian Art

This introductory lecture will help you to experience and understand the Hindu, Buddhist and Jain art displayed in the main Asian Gallery, Room 33. It will also look at how sculptures and paintings were experienced in the context of religious buildings, festivals and devotions.

John Reeve, Former Head of Education at the British Museum, author of a Visitor's Guide to World Religions, BMP and Editor of the Sacred exhibition catalogue, British Library

Creative Writing Workshops

Three workshops of one hour duration will be taking place in the Sackler Meeting Room at the following times: 11.30, 13.30 and 15.00.

India Landscape Talks

Two 40 minute talks will take place in the India Landscape (installed by the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew) on the Forecourt at 13.10 and 14.10. Places are strictly limited to 30 for each talk and will be allocated at registration on the day on a first-come, first served basis.

10% Bookshop Discount

The Museum is offering a 10% discount in the bookshop on production of this flyer on the day.

Travel

Tube: Holborn, Tottenham Court Road, Russell Square, Goodge Street.

Car: Limited paid public parking. Subject to availability, registered disabled drivers may use the Museum's car park. Please telephone 0870 444 3850 before you visit to make the necessary arrangements.

This is a free event – bring your family and friends!

Pre-booking is not essential as places are allocated on a first come, first served basis on the day. However, if you would like to pre-book your place please return the reply slip below and we will guarantee you a seat.

Please reserve the following places for me:

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