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## The Antiquities Trade in Israel and Palestine: Same as It Ever Was?

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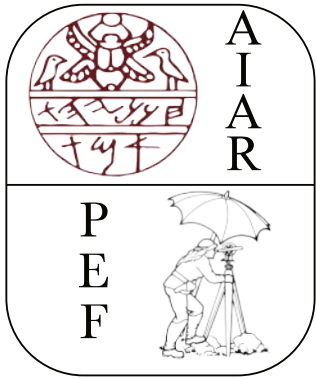
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**Abstract:** For centuries people have bought and sold antiquities from the Holy Land. At times these sales were ad hoc, with vendors at the side of the road on the way to holy sites.

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At other points, the sales of artifacts was more formalized, regulated by law and an oversight body tasked with monitoring the trade.

In this webinar we will examine elements of the antiquities trade in the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, looking at whether the market for ancient objects is the same as it ever was.