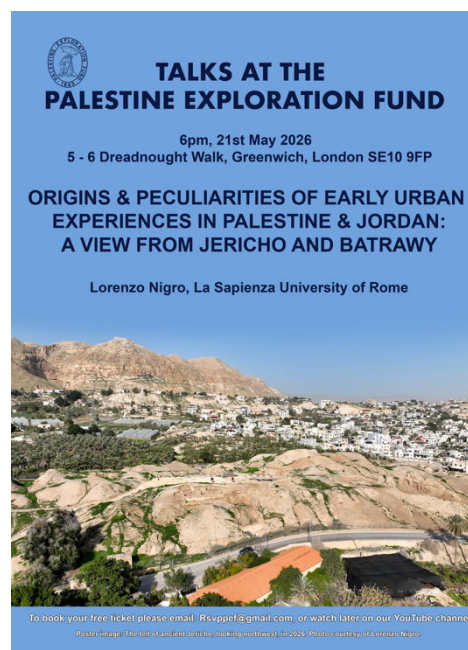


PEF EVENT

Thursday, 21st May 2026, 6pm

DEVELOPING CAPACITIES IN MARINE CULTURAL HERITAGE MANAGEMENT AND PROTECTION

- Lorenzo Nigro, La Sapienza University of Rome.
- PEF, 5-6 Dreadnought Walk, Greenwich, London SE10 9FP
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Summary

This lecture offers a comparative perspective on the rise of early urbanism in the southern Levant through two exceptional archaeological sites: Tell es-Sultan/Jericho in Palestine and Khirbet al-Batrawy in Jordan. From the long developmental sequence of Jericho to the strongly fortified urban centre of Batrawy, the two sites reveal different trajectories towards city life in Palestine and Transjordan. By examining fortifications, public architecture, storage systems, and the relationship between settlement, resources, and power, the talk highlights both the shared foundations and the regional peculiarities of early urban experience. Together, Jericho and Batrawy provide a unique vantage point from which to reconsider the origins, diversity, and resilience of the earliest cities in the southern Levant. The work of archaeologists on the ground aims at preserving this invaluable piece of Humankind Heritage especially at Jericho, a highly threatened site during the current dramatic situation of Palestine.

About the Speaker

Lorenzo Nigro is Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology in the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy at La Sapienza University of Rome, His excavations include those at Jericho with the Palestine Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities, at Khirbet al Batrawy in Jordan, and at Motya in Sicily. He has also excavated at Carthage and Tell esh-Sheikh Abu Zarad and Bethlehem in Palestine. He has authored many books and articles on his excavations, which focus on the periods of the Early Bronze Age through to the Iron Ages in the southern Levant and eastern Mediterranean. Lorenzo has recently been awarded the prestigious Sy Gitin Professorship at the Albright Institute in Jerusalem, which he will take up from October this year. He is also a watercolourist and a novelist.

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