

PEF EVENT

Thursday, 11TH June 2026, 6pm

SYRIA'S CULTURAL HERITAGE AFTER 14 YEARS OF CONFLICT: LOSS, RESILIENCE, AND RECOVERY

- Hiba Alkhalaf, Birkbeck College, University of London.
- PEF, 5-6 Dreadnought Walk, Greenwich, London SE10 9FP
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Summary

This talk explores the condition of Syria's cultural heritage after fourteen years of conflict, focusing on material loss, social rupture and institutional collapse. It outlines current threats and urgent needs, while considering emerging responses since the fall of the Assad regime on 8 December 2024. The talk highlights the need to move from reactive emergency measures towards proactive, community-centred approaches that support recovery, reconciliation, transitional justice and the rebuilding of social fabric.

About the Speaker

Dr Hiba Alkhalaf is Syrian–British architect, researcher and heritage specialist working on post-conflict recovery, cultural resilience and community-led conservation across the MENA region and the UK. She is a Research Fellow at CISA, Birkbeck, University of London, and Founder of Heritage Voices / Aswat AlTurath. Her work spans World Heritage documentation, damage assessment, capacity building and traditional knowledge, with a strong focus on women, crafts, archives and intangible heritage. She has led award-winning projects, including MaLiCH in Libya, and advocates for heritage as a tool for justice, memory and sustainable futures.

HOW TO FIND US

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