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LECTURE BY DR JOSEPH SKINNER TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2015

You and your guest(s) are cordially invited to a lecture on Tuesday 22 September 2015 at 6 pm in Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1. The lecture will be held in Room 349 on the Third Floor of the South Block of Senate House (**PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT ROOM**). This is through the kindness of the Institute of Classical Studies. The chair will be taken by Prof. John Davies FBA.

Greek ethnography through thick and thin

This paper will argue that Greek ethnography - typically defined as the scientific prose study of 'barbarians' by Greeks - was actually far more lively and diverse than might previously have been imagined. The first part will explore how Greek ethnography came to be defined in such narrow terms before offering an alternative approach that encompasses a wide variety of sub-literary, material and iconographic evidence including vase-painting and sculpture (e.g. the 'Persian' Rider from the Athenian acropolis or Tanagra figurines of Amazon or Scythian warriors riding geese). Cases in which ethnographic interest can also be demonstrated to have encompassed the habits and customs of fellow Greeks - Athenians, Arcadians and Spartans as opposed to foreigners and barbarians - will then be explored. The paper will conclude by outlining how all this affects our understanding of the function and status of the ethnographic material within Herodotus' *Histories*.

Dr Skinner studied Ancient History at St. Andrews (MA Hons; M.Litt.) before moving to Leicester to do an MA in Archaeology. After taking a year out to work as the British School's archaeological illustrator he went to Liverpool to study for a PhD under Prof. Tom Harrison. In 2009-2010 he spent a year at the British School at Athens as the School Student. During this time he prepared his thesis for publication. *The Invention of Greek Ethnography: from Homer to Herodotus* was eventually published by OUP in 2012. Dr Skinner also published an edited volume with Eran Almagor called *Ancient Ethnography: New Approaches* (London 2013) whilst working as a University Teacher at Liverpool University. He has been a Lecturer in Greek History in the School of History, Classics and Archaeology at Newcastle University since 2013.

Following the lecture, there will be an informal reception in the same room. There is a suggested donation of £8.50 for the lecture (£10.50 for anyone not a member of the Friends of the BSA). Donations for the lecture should be made in advance as monies may not be collected on the door. The donations are intended to cover costs and produce a small surplus for Friends' funds. Please let me know at the above address if you wish to attend. Cheques should be made payable to "The Friends of the British School at Athens", THERE ARE NO TICKETS - applications will only be acknowledged on request.

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