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FRAGMENTS
Meeting Architecture III
A programme of lectures and exhibitions

Part X

Helen Walasek in conversation with Richard Hodges:
Fragments of a conflict: archaeology in the aftermath of the Bosnian War

Monday 27 March 2017 18.00-19.30
The British School at Rome
via Gramsci 61, Roma

Fragments of a conflict: archaeology in the aftermath of the Bosnian War is the first of two events focusing on the Yugoslav civil war and its aftermath and it concludes the programme FRAGMENTS.

From the use of archaeological field detection techniques to locate the sites of historic monuments and religious structures destroyed during campaigns of ethnic cleansing, to the work of forensic archaeologists excavating mass grave sites, archaeology has been deeply implicated in attempts to document and restore in post-conflict Bosnia. Occasionally misused (to give scientific credibility to the tactics of hardline ethno-nationalists), more often archaeology has been a positive force, whether in the recovery of the remains of...
historic mosques buried at landfill sites or exhuming mass graves – where the fragments of demolished mosques have sometimes been found.

Helen Walasek

**BIOGRAPHY**

**Helen Walasek** Former Deputy Director of Bosnia-Herzegovina Heritage Rescue (BHHR) and author of Bosnia and the Destruction of Cultural Heritage (Ashgate 2015), Walasek visited Bosnia-Herzegovina frequently during and after the 1992–5 war. In 2000 and 2001, she carried out the first assessments and documentation of destroyed historic monuments in ethnically-cleansed areas across Bosnia-Herzegovina with the British archaeologist Richard Carlton.

**Richard Hodges** is an archaeologist and President of the American University of Rome. Among his previous posts Hodges was former Williams Director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology in Philadelphia as well as Scientific Director of the Butrint Foundation (1994-2012) and Director of the British School at Rome (1988-95). He is the author of numerous publications and has taught all over the world.
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