

**Anglo-Turkish Society / Royal Anthropological Institute lecture, 10 December 2019, 6.00 pm**

Speaker: Dominique Görlitz

Venue: Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy St, Fitzrovia, London W1T 5BT

Title: The Argonauts of the Stone Age

Using boats and technology of the time in the same seas the ancient people plied for trade and migration is an invaluable tool to demonstrate what was and not possible. With movement of people came ideas, innovation and technological progress. The coasts of Anatolia were the crucible where many of these ancient sea-faring people flourished and declined and no doubt their mastery of the seas was part of this historical roll-off dice.

This lecture will highlight some of my past voyages in reed boats to demonstrate the movement of people in the dawn of civilisation in this cross-road of the early people from whom we are descended. My recent project this summer was to sail the ABORA IV a totora reed boat, from Varna in present day Bulgarian Black Sea coast passing through Istanbul, Athens, Crete sailing towards Alexandria, distance approx. 3.000 km, as revealed in ancient Egyptian texts. This boat will soon be preserved following a generous proposal of the Turkish government to house this vessel at a museum in Patara, south-western Turkey.

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The ABORA IV reed boat



Dominique Görlitz is a German experimental archaeologist, vegetation geographer, author, filmmaker and lecturer at the Global Top Speakers. He received a doctor's degree as Biogeographer. As experimental archaeologist he is engaged in the vagility of prehistoric and early cultures, for many years. Additionally Dr. Görlitz is engaged in prehistoric cartography. Since 2013 he is working as post-doc Fellow as freelance scientist at the Technical University Dresden at the Institute for Cartography. Therefore, he is cooperating with a team of international scientists from the USA and Hungary regarding the unsolved mysteries of the explorer's history of the early modern age as well as the antique cosmographers. Dominique Görlitz has recently completed an expedition with ABORA IV reed boat on the Black Sea.

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