Anglo-Turkish Society online lecture, 23 January 2024, 6.00 pm (UK time)
Speaker: Professor Brian Rose
Platform: Zoom with link provided to those who register
Title: 'Excavating Troy and Gordion: 1988-2022'

During the last 35 years I've had the good fortune to direct or co-direct excavations at two legendary sites in Turkey–-Troy and Gordion. Recently, while completing the first volume of the Troy Final Publication, I faced the unenviable task of presenting my own research in historiographic perspective, while attempting to maintain as much objectivity as possible. This talk is an extension of that exercise: I've tried to highlight the positive and negative aspects of both the Troy and Gordion projects in as much detail as possible, with a focus on the extent to which regional, national, and global developments shaped our research agendas. I will also include some broader thoughts on the discipline of archaeology in Turkey and the Near East at the end of this talk, since the field has changed so radically in the last three decades.

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