Anglo-Turkish Society hybrid lecture, 5 September 2023, 6.00 pm (UK time)
Speaker: Timothy Chattell
Venue: Royal Anthropological Institute, 50 Fitzroy St, Fitzrovia, London W1T 5BT
Title: 'Thirty Degrees East: Trekking across Turkey from the Black Sea to the Mediterranean'

In 2021, Tim embarked on a solo trek across Turkey, crossing from the Black sea to the Mediterranean. The 620-kilometre trek took two months to complete, after which Tim set about committing his memories to paper. His book recounting the trip, 'Thirty Degrees East', was published in 2023: after the earthquakes of the same year, Tim committed all profits from the book's sales to AHBAP earthquake relief efforts.
Having spent much of 2021 attempting to learn the Turkish language to a good enough standard to enable the trip, he was wholly reliant during the journey on those he met along the way, and experienced the exceptional hospitality that is so intrinsic to Turkish culture.
The talk will cover Tim's initial motivations; the major planning and logistical challenges of walking across a foreign country; and the lessons he learnt on the dusty tracks, overgrown trails, and sweltering highways of central Anatolia.

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Tim was born in Cheltenham, attending Perins School and Peter Symonds Sixth Form College in Hampshire. He read history at the University of Nottingham and completed a postgraduate degree at the London School of Economics. He first visited Turkey on a school trip in 2016, to study the battlefields of Gallipoli; fascinated by the history of the Republic ever since, he returned to complete a solo crossing of the country in 2021. Tim completed his reserve commissioning course at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst in 2018, before undertaking a 6-month tour of Kosovo in 2022. He is currently completing his regular commissioning course, commissioning into the Royal Army Medical Corps.