THE BRITISH INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF IRAQ
(Gertrude Bell Memorial)

invites you to spend an evening with

Neil MacGregor
Director of the British Museum

in aid of the

BISI Appeal for Iraqi Scholars
on Thursday 1 September 2011 at 6 p.m.
at The British Academy, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH

Neil MacGregor has been Director of the British Museum since 2002. His *A History of the World in 100 Objects* was broadcast on BBC Radio 4 in 2010, and subsequently published in book form. In it he described 100 objects chosen from the collections of the British Museum, from the beginning of human history to the present, and explained their significance in the story of mankind. Several of the objects he selected came from Iraq: the standard from the royal cemetery of Ur; an early writing tablet from southern Mesopotamia and a flood tablet from Nineveh; the Lachish reliefs found in the palace of Sennacherib; and the wall-painting fragments from the Abbasid caliph's harem at Samarra.

Neil MacGregor studied modern languages at Oxford, philosophy in Paris, law at Edinburgh, and art at the Courtauld Institute. He was a lecturer in the history of art and architecture at Reading University, and became editor of *The Burlington Magazine* in 1981. In 1987 he was appointed Director of the National Gallery. He is Chair of the World Collections Programme, a DCMS-funded initiative to establish partnerships between six major cultural institutions in the United Kingdom and institutions in Asia and Africa. The BISI is very honoured to have him speak on behalf of our Appeal.

The ticket cost is £15 per person for BISI members and one guest, and £20 per person for members' guests after the first and for non-members. Tickets will be sent to the address provided on **a first come first served basis.** Please apply as soon as possible to avoid disappointment (the seating is limited to 120 in the new Wolfson Auditorium). The event will be open to non-members. Please send your reply and payment to: BISI /Neil MacGregor Appeal Talk, 10 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AH. For further information please contact Alan Sandall at e-mail: bisiappeal@britac.ac.uk (preferred) or tel. 020 7969 5274. Tickets will be sent out in August.

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