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The Canadian Institute for Mediterranean Studies  
presents an illustrated lecture by**

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## **Troy: Story of a City from Myth to Archaeology**

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Troy! The very word evokes a great city, mighty warriors, lovely women and Achilles sulking in his tent! Since the poet Homer from Izmir (Smyrna), created his epic, *The Iliad*, in the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C., curiosity and wonder have accompanied the name of Troy, which has influenced Mediterranean and European culture ever since. In the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, ruins were discovered that suggested a location near modern day Çanakkale might be the home of Ilium, of Troy. Recently archaeological excavations have revealed a fortified city recognized as Troy and excavations are still ongoing at the site. The area was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1998 and now, 20 years later, Turkey has named 2018 the “Year of Troy”, with the opening of a new museum to house and explain the artifacts and serve as an educational center.



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