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Monumentality and Pastoralism: Recent archaeological investigations in the Lower Omo Valley

THURSDAY, 09 FEBRUARY 2012 SEMINAR

TIME 11.30am - 12.30pm

Venue: BIEA Seminar Room - Laikipia Road, Kileleshwa

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ABSTRACT

The Lower Omo Valley is well known as a rich resource for anthropological and ecological studies, and of course for its fossilised record of the evolution of hominin species. However, the archaeological potential for exploring the later prehistory of the region has gone unrecognised. It was therefore the focus of the current project, initiated in 2008, to intensively survey an area of the Mursi tribal-ethnic territory in conjunction with a targeted scheme of excavation. The results have been surprising, revealing a unique landscape of megalithic architecture and lithic assemblages, together spanning a time period from the Middle Stone Age to the later Iron Age. This presentation will provide an overview of these results and a preliminary consideration of their implications.

**This seminar is FREE and open to all those interested in the topic.
If you plan on attending, please RSVP by emailing office@biea.ac.uk**

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