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Dear Patrons, Members and Friends,

The Greek Archaeological Committee UK takes great pleasure in inviting you to its second “**Annual Matti Egon lecture**” (GACUK’S 66th lecture), entitled “The True story of the Trojan War?” by **Professor Michael Wood, OBE, FSA**, on Tuesday 5th December 2023, at 7pm in the Great Hall of the Hellenic Centre, 16-18, Paddington Street, Marylebone, London W1U 5AS.

Michael Wood is a historian, broadcaster and film maker. Born in Manchester he read History and English at Oriel College, Oxford and then undertook postgraduate research in Anglo-Saxon history. He has been Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and has been awarded an honorary doctorate in Arts and an honorary doctorate in Letters from the University of Leicester. Since 2013 he is a professor of Public History at the University of Manchester. In autumn 2015, he received the British Academy President's Medal for services to history and outreach and in 2017 was appointed Honorary Life Vice President.

In the 1970s Michael Wood worked for the BBC and since 1990 he is the Director of Maya Vision International, an independent television production company. In 2006 he joined the British School of Archaeology in Iraq during the School’s campaign to train new Iraqi archaeologists.

Michael Wood is the author of 13 books. Among his titles are *Art of the Western World*, *Legacy: A Search for the Origins of Civilisation*, *Conquistadors*, *In Search of Myths and Heroes*, *The story of India*, *The story of China*. He is internationally known for his 20 television series and his 11 documentaries, among them, “In search of the Trojan War,” “In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great”, “The Story of India”, “The Story of England”, “The Story of China”.

In this illustrated talk, which is a **fundraiser for GACUK**, Michael Wood takes a fresh look at the story of this eternally and universally exciting subject, the Trojan War, one of the world's greatest legends. But was there a real war, and if so, when? Recently the question has been transformed by dramatic new discoveries in archaeology, including the re-excavation of Troy itself, and by fascinating new finds in the Hittite diplomatic archive. The speaker suggests that it is now possible to point to a real war in the early 13th c BCE which could be the origin of the later legend.

Admission to this event is ticketed. All proceeds are in aid of GACUK's Scholarships Fund.

General Admission: £25 (Live attendance or via Live streaming)

Students: £10

Tickets are available through the following link:

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We are deeply appreciative that Michael Wood will address us and I sincerely hope that you can join us on 5th December.

Dr Zetta Theodoropoulou Polychroniadis
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