

## IRAQ ARCHAEOLOGY PRESENTATION IN BASRA



March 11, 2015, North Rumaila, Iraq—Dr. Eleanor Robson, Chair of Council, for The British Institute for The Study of Iraq (BISI) recently gave a presentation in Iraq on current archaeological work at Tell Khaiber in the Iraqi province of Dhi Qar as well as discussing the impact of ISIS on Iraqi antiquities.

Dr. Robson presented her update to the residents of the Basra Industrial Community (BIC) on Friday, March 6, at the invitation of BIC as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility program. BIC provides safe, secure and comfortable accommodation and offices in the North Rumaila oil field.

Security services for Dr. Robson were graciously provided for at no cost by the Iraqi Private Security Company, Al Tasweeb (Company 90). Martin Gray, MBE, Al Tasweeb Business Manager, said, “We were very pleased to co-operate with BIC and provide Dr. Robson with her transportation from BIC to the Basra International Airport. We believe that the work BISI does in Iraq is important to the country and her presentation was very timely given recent events.”



*Dr. Robson discusses the use of satellite imaging at Tell Khaiber.*

## **About BISI**

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## **About Dr. Robson**

Dr. Eleanor Robson is Professor of Ancient Near Eastern History at UCL. She studies the social and political contexts of the production and consumption of knowledge in the cuneiform world and modern understandings of ancient Iraq over the past two centuries. She deciphers the inscriptions excavated by the University of Manchester's project at Tell Khaiber (<https://www.facebook.com/tellkhaiber>), which is partly funded by BISI.

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