

## ARCHEOLOGY OF THE MODERN ERA

### “The Beginning of History – The Balkans as a Pre-Historic Bridge Between Asia Minor and Europe”

**Univ.Prof. Dr. Barbara Horejs**

Director of OREA/ Institute for Oriental and European Archeology, Austrian Academy of Sciences, Head of the excavation in “Svinjarička Čuka”, Lebane

**Prof. Sofija Stefanović**

Biosense institute, University of Novi Sad/Department of Archaeology, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Belgrade

**The first out of six lectures of this series will be held (in English)  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September, 2019, at 17:00,  
at the Austrian Embassy, Kneza Sime Markovića 2.**

**Please confirm your attendance till 10<sup>th</sup> of September by e-mail:  
[belgrad-kf@bmeia.gv.at](mailto:belgrad-kf@bmeia.gv.at) or tel: +381 11 333 65 71**

Following the lectures, we have the pleasure to invite you to a small reception.

**Austria and Serbia, Europe, the Balkans, Asia Minor and the Orient** – we have been in contact since pre-historic times and have exchanged cultural techniques. We have been historically connected and face very similar challenges in the present and the future times.

The series of lectures of the Austrian Embassy in cooperation with the Austrian Academy of Sciences (OAW) and notable scientists and researchers from Austria and Serbia will explore these complex relations.

[OREA, the Institute for Oriental and European Archeology](#) at the [Austrian Academy of Sciences](#) has extensively developed its focus on the Balkans. At the site of [“Svinjarička Čuka” in Lebane/ South Serbia](#), the first Austrian-Serbian joint archeological mission in cooperation with the [Archaeological Institute Belgrade](#) (Aleksandar Bulatović) and the [National Museum Leskovac](#) has been launched.

Since pre-historic times until the present, among the most important challenges have been those related to climate, settlement, demography, migration, infrastructure, trade routes, economy, communities, state, language, religion and identities....

As far as the transfer of knowledge and culture, the proliferation of techniques and know-how are concerned, much has been achieved but has also failed in the past and today alike.

Considering such giant bridging in time and space, what are the lessons to be learned for our mutual co-operation in the context of globalization and the accession of Serbia, the Western Balkans and South Eastern Europe to the European Union?

The purpose of this series is to raise awareness and provide a better understanding for our interconnectivity, mutual dependence and also for the urgency with which we need to seek for peaceful and sustainable political, economic and social strategies for Europe and the Balkans.