

# THE BRITISH MUSEUM

Study day  
**Ancient Cyprus:  
new discoveries, new ideas**  
Saturday 9 October 2010,  
10.00–16.30  
Stevenson Lecture Theatre  
£30, concessions £20,  
includes tea/coffee

Leading researchers in Cypriot archaeology present the results of their recent excavations and research in a series of short, illustrated papers aimed at a general audience. The day aims to create a bridge between academic specialists and the general public to promote greater understanding and appreciation of the fascinating heritage of ancient Cyprus. The programme is inspired by the rich collection of Cypriot artefacts in the British Museum, but also by the many connections between modern Cyprus and the UK, particularly the vibrant Cypriot community in London. Topics covered include excavations at prehistoric settlements, whether there was an ancient opium trade, deciphering the ancient languages of the island, travellers and explorers in the 19th century AD, and worshipping the Great Goddess (Aphrodite). The study day concludes with an optional tour of the British Museum's A G Leventis Gallery of Ancient Cyprus (Room 72).

*Organised to mark the 50th anniversary of the Republic of Cyprus*

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Image: Red Polished ware figurine depicting a woman nursing a child, around 1900 BC.