

## **BOOK LAUNCH**

Nine Quarters of Jerusalem

A New Biography of the Old City

Writer: Matthew Teller

Discussant:

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Chair: Prof Karima Laachir (Director, ANU Centre for Arab and Islamic Studies)

Matthew Teller's highly original "biography" features not just Jerusalem's Palestinian and Jewish communities, but its African and Indian voices, its Greek and Armenian and Syriac communities, its downtrodden Dom Gypsy families and its Sufi mystics. It discusses the sources of Jerusalem's holiness and the ideas — often startlingly secular — that have shaped lives within its walls. It is an evocation of place through story, led by the voices of Jerusalemites.

Matthew Teller writes for the BBC, Guardian, Independent, Times of London, Financial Times and other global media. He has produced and presented documentaries for BBC Radio, and has reported for the BBC's "From Our Own Correspondent" programme from around the Middle East and beyond. He is the author of several travel guides, including the Rough Guide to Jordan, and his previous book was "Quite Alone: Journalism from the Middle East 2008–2019."

## **Details**

Time: Thursday 6th October 5:30-6:30pm

**Location:** Online via Zoom **Registration required**: https://anu.zoom.us/meeting/register/

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