

## Past Winners

- 1997 **Christian Habicht**, *Athens from Alexander to Antony* (Harvard)
- 1998 **Sir Michael Llewellyn Smith**, *Ionian Vision: Greece in Asia Minor 1919-1922* (Hurst & Co.)  
jointly with  
**Paul Cartledge**, *The Cambridge Illustrated History of Ancient Greece* (CUP)
- 1999 **Edmund Keeley**, *Inventing Paradise: The Greek Journey 1937-47* (Farrar Strauss & Giroux)
- 2000 **Eleni Bastea**, *The Creation of Modern Athens: Planning the Myth* (CUP)  
jointly with  
**Gonda Van Steen**, *Venom in Verse: Aristophanes in Modern Greece* (Princeton)
- 2001 **John Gould**, *Myth, Ritual, Memory and Exchange: Essays in Greek Literature and Culture* (OUP)
- 2002 **Graham Speake**, *Mount Athos: Renewal in Paradise* (Yale)
- 2003 **Susan Woodford**, *Images of Myths in Classical Antiquity* (CUP)
- 2004 **Mark Mazower**, *Salonica, City of Ghosts: Christians, Muslims & Jews 1430-1950* (Harper/Knopf)
- 2005 **Robert Parker**, *Polytheism and Society at Athens* (OUP)
- 2006 **Averil Cameron**, *The Byzantines* (Blackwell)
- 2007 **Peter Parsons**, *City of the Sharp-Nosed Fish: Greek Lives in Roman Egypt* (Weidenfeld & Nicolson)
- 2008 **Stephen Halliwell**, *Greek Laughter* (CUP)
- 2009 **David Malouf**, *Ransom* (Chatto & Windus)
- 2010 **Zachary Mason**, *The Lost Books of the Odyssey* (Jonathan Cape)
- 2011 **Ann Wroe**, *Orpheus: The Song of Life* (Jonathan Cape)
- 2012 **Anne Carson**, *Antigonick* (Bloodaxe Books/ New Directions)
- 2013 **Sir Peter Stothard**, *Alexandria: The Last Nights of Cleopatra* (Granta Books)



Elizabeth Criticos-Fotinelli  
and Tryphon Kedros



Sigrid Rausing  
(Publisher, Granta Books)



Sir Peter Stothard and  
Dr. Felix Budelmann (Chair)

### The 2013 Prize award ceremony for Sir Peter Stothard's *Alexandria*



Prof. Mary Beard

# The 2014 London Hellenic Prize

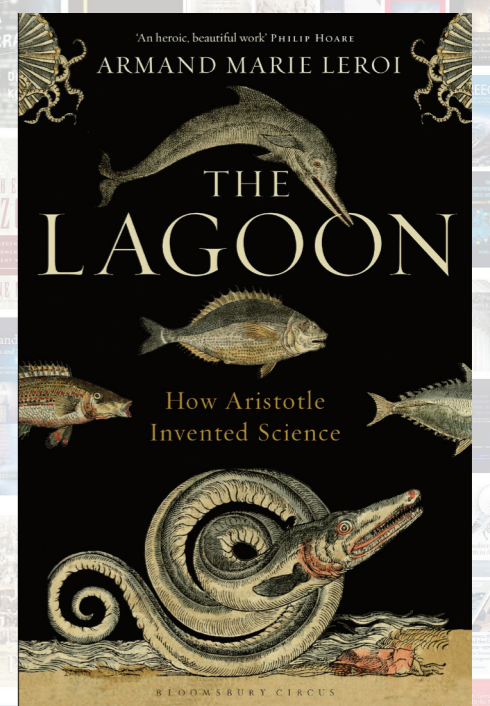
awarded to

**Armand Marie Leroi**

for

*The Lagoon*  
*How Aristotle Invented Science*

published by Bloomsbury



Friday, 23 October 2015, 7:00pm

The Athenaeum, Pall Mall

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## The London Hellenic Prize

This prestigious international award was originally conceived by John A. Hadjipateras OBE, Chairman of the Greek Shipping Co-operation Committee for eighteen years, and by John D. Criticos, ship-owner, businessman and prominent member of the London Greek Community since the 1950s. Inspired by the ideals of Hellenic culture and appreciative of the best commercial and cultural traditions of British society, both men committed themselves to the promotion of Anglo-Hellenic understanding in a number of significant ways. John D. Criticos devoted himself to long-lasting works of charity in both countries and, after his death, Mrs. Elizabeth Criticos-Fotinelli continued and enhanced his charitable projects.

The Prize usually receives more than 100 submissions each year from numerous publishers and individual authors around the globe, from California to Sydney. Areas of interest are not restricted and, since its inception, the Prize has been awarded to books on archaeology, architecture, art, classics, history, literary criticism, social studies, as well as to numerous works of literature in recent years. The list of winners overleaf shows the wide range of scholarship, subject matter and original research recognised over the years by the Adjudicating Committee. This is a truly international award in scope and substance.

The Adjudicating Committee is composed of authors, artists, historians and scholars with specialist knowledge of each of the fields for which there are eligible candidates. The Committee's membership is flexible and reflects the subject matters of works submitted annually, ensuring that all candidates are afforded the best assessment possible by leading experts. The bursary of the Prize has always been £10,000.

John D. Criticos chose to entrust the administration of this Prize to the London Hellenic Society, a notable cultural society established in London in the 1960s by prominent members of the London Greek community on the foundations of the long and distinguished Hellenic presence in England since the late 18th century. London, particularly, has always been at the centre of the thriving Hellenic diaspora. Individuals like Dimitris Vikelas, the novelist and Bloomsbury-based shipping executive who organised the First Olympic Games of 1896, and Eleftherios Venizelos and his wife Helena Schilizzi, based at Athlone House, Highgate, have created the most philhellenic spirit in England in modern times.

As the English-speaking world becomes progressively larger and more interconnected, the Prize endeavours to strengthen the understanding of our shared European heritage and the ideals of Hellenism.

### Short List for the 2014 London Hellenic Prize

Armand Marie Leroi, *The Lagoon: How Aristotle Invented Science* (Bloomsbury)

Adrienne Mayor, *The Amazons: Lives and Legends of Warrior Women across the Ancient World* (Princeton)

Adam Nicolson, *The Mighty Dead: Why Homer Matters* (William Collins)

Irene Noel-Baker (trans.), Miltiades B. Hatzopoulos, *Betwixt and Between* (Armida)

Yannis Palaiologos, *The 13th Labour of Hercules: Inside the Greek Crisis* (Portobello Books)

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Welcome - **G. C. Rodopoulos** (President, The London Hellenic Society)

The 2014 Prize - **Robin Lane Fox** (Chair, Adjudicating Committee)

**Ian Blatchford** (Director, The Science Museum) will introduce the winner

**Armand Marie Leroi**

who will speak about his work

**Mr Tryphon Kedros** awards the 2014 London Hellenic Prize

Concluding remarks - **Michael Moschos**

Reception

**Adjudicating Committee for the 2014 Prize** \* **Robin Lane Fox** (New College, Oxford) Chair – classicist, historian, gardener, FT columnist \* **Dr Felix Budelmann** (Magdalen College, Oxford) – classicist \* **Dr Nick Lowe** (Royal Holloway, London) – classics and literature \* **Prof. Stephanos Pespazoglou** (Panteion University, Athens) – theory of political ideology and public policy, co-ed. *Contemporary Issues* \* **Dr Jennifer Wallace** (Peterhouse, Cambridge) – author and literary critic

**Readers** \* **Aris Berlis** – translator and literary critic \* **Prof. Liz James** (University of Sussex) – art historian and Byzantinist \* **Elizabeth Speller** – poet and author

The Prize is co-ordinated by **Michael Moschos**, assisted by **Jason Leech**

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