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**“Living in Ancient Abdera: Myths, Battles and Daily Life”**

**Dr. Maria Papaioannou**

**Thursday, February 13, 5:30 pm**

**Emil W. Haury Anthropology Building, Room 215**

The ancient city of Abdera (not well-known to many) lies along the fertile coast of the northern Aegean in Greece. According to some mythical accounts it was founded by the hero Herakles, however the city’s ‘claim to fame’ was not mythical but cultural. It was the birthplace of the famous philosopher and mathematician Democritus, the father of the atom theory and, according to some, modern science. Dr. Papaioannou takes us on a journey through the urban landscape from Greek to Roman times, and brings to life dwellings, ship sheds, harbors, and cemeteries in an attempt to reconstruct the built environment and provide a glimpse of everyday life.



Dr. Maria Papaioannou is Honorary Research Professor and retired Professor in the Department of Historical Studies at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada. She is the Co-director of the Abdera Urban Plan Project of the Canadian Institute in Greece.

**The lecture is free and open to all. Please join us! The Hellenic Cultural Foundation is a non-profit organization whose primary mission is to provide scholarships for University of Arizona students pursuing Greek studies.**

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