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The Renaissance Search for Homeric Troy

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In the late sixteenth century British travelers first began to visit Anatolia in search of the remains of ancient Troy. Driven by the belief that the British were the descendants of the Trojans, they were also searching for their own point of origin in what would become modern Turkey. But, the Ottoman Empire, too, claimed a Trojan point of origin. This talk will tell a little of the story of these two competing fables, while also tracing the curious afterlife of a wandering Troy – a place, a name, and a legend.

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