

Listed here are the lectures and seminars on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford between January and March 2013

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OXFORD CENTRE FOR LATE ANTIQUITY  
MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY SEMINAR  
MEDIEVAL HISTORY SEMINAR

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**SPECIAL LECTURE**

**Robin Fleming** (Boston College):

***‘Women, Children and Hard-working Men in 5th- and Early 6th-Century Lowland Britain’***



Roman pottery-bases, re-used in post-Roman times, Ashmolean Museum

**Monday 4 March 2013, at 5pm**

Al Jaber Auditorium, Corpus Christi College

Professor Fleming is the author of *Britain after Rome* (Penguin), which uses archaeological evidence to create a history that is radically new, both in method and in content. She is currently working on ‘the lost world of things’; how different objects can help us re-imagine the early medieval past.

*There will be a drinks reception after this lecture*

THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD  
 FACULTY OF HISTORY AND  
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 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



**CARLYLE LECTURES**

**Dr Caroline Humfress**

Birkbeck, University of London

**Laws' Empire. Rethinking Law and Life under Rome, 212 – 565 AD**



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- 30 January** **Imperial Texts and Roman Legal History**
- 6 February** **In the shadow of indigenous ordering. Law and social hierarchies in the provinces**
- 13 February** **Legalism from below? Institutional order and Christian communities**
- 20 February** **Local reasoning in Late Roman disputes. Beyond the law-in-practice paradigm**
- 27 February** **Cultures of law in Justinianic Constantinople**
- 6 March** **Past law and empire. Late Antique reflections on post-colonial legal studies**

**WEDNESDAYS of Weeks 3-8, Hilary Term 2013**  
**at 5pm in Examination Schools**  
**All are welcome**

**Sexaginta: Translated Texts for Historians and the Late-Antique East**

Saturday 9 March 2013  
 MBI Al Jaber Auditorium, Corpus Christi College, Oxford

*Translated Texts for Historians celebrates its sixtieth volume by asking contributors two classic questions. What difference does it make when another late-antique text joins the range of available reading? And what next? It takes as its focus the late-antique East. This region witnessed some of the most significant political and cultural transformations of the era, set against the background of Rome's rivalry with Sassanid Persia and the rise of Islam, while concurrently it also saw the flourishing of new languages and literatures. Whereas for earlier periods of Roman history we are largely dependent on sources in Latin and Greek written by (and for) metropolitan elites, for late antiquity we have texts composed in Armenian, Georgian, Syriac, Coptic, Ethiopic, and Arabic. These provide a number of challenges to the Mediterranean-centred perspective that prevails for earlier centuries. The purpose of this colloquium is to celebrate and build-upon TTH's accomplishments in this field. Papers will trace the experiences of communities across the late-antique East as they endured Romano-Persian wars, witnessed the increasing dominance of Christianity, or came under Muslim rule. Papers, responses, and discussion will shape a volume in TTH's sister-series TTC, Translated Texts in Context.*

Coffee and registration from 10.30am

**11.00am: Introduction: Averil Cameron** (Oxford)

**Session 1 (11.15am–12.45pm): Other languages, other perspectives**

**Jeff Childers** (Abilene Christian): *Georgian: Porphyry of Gaza*

**Christopher Haas** (Villanova): *Beyond the edge of the map: TTH and a larger late antiquity*

RESPONDENT: **Claudia Rapp** (Vienna)

Lunch break (12.30–2pm)

**Session 2 (2–3.30pm) Many languages, many perspectives?**

**Simon Swain** (Warwick): *Multi-lingual politics: the Letter of Aristotle to Alexander and the Letter of Themistius*

**Marie Legendre** (Oxford): *Multi-lingual papyri*

RESPONDENT: **Arietta Papaconstantinou** (Reading)

Tea break (3.30–4pm)

**Session 3 (4–5.30pm) Where next?**

**Philip Wood** (Cambridge): *The Chronicle of Seert*

**Phil Booth** (Oxford): *TTH and the study of the early medieval East*

RESPONDENT: **James Howard-Johnston** (Oxford)

**Discussion**, followed by wine reception, courtesy of Liverpool University Press

The colloquium is free, but since space is limited you are asked to email Neil McLynn <neil.mclynn@classics.ox.ac.uk> to register. A sandwich lunch is available at Corpus at £5.00 per head. This must be booked when registering.

This colloquium is funded by the generosity of Paul Pheby.

## Later Roman Seminar

THURSDAYS at 5pm at Corpus Christi College in Hilary Term 2013

17 January (Week 1)

*'Through the Eye of a Needle':*

*Round-table discussion of Peter Brown's book led by*

*Kate Cooper (Manchester), Alan Bowman, and Mark Whittow*

24 January (Week 2)

**THE TRANSFORMATION OF ELITES I:**

(Princeton, Oxford, Vienna postgraduate Exchange 2013):

*Round-table discussion led by Conrad Leyser and Graham Barrett*

31 January (Week 3)

**Robert Wisniewski** (Warsaw):

*Pagan temples, Christians and demons in the late antique East and West*

7 February (Week 4)

**THE TRANSFORMATION OF ELITES II:**

*Graduate Presentations*

14 February (Week 5)

**Robin Whelan** (Cambridge):

*Historiae Arianorum: the Arian Controversy in Vandal Africa*

21 February (Week 6)

**THE TRANSFORMATION OF ELITES III:**

*Graduate Presentations*

28 February (Week 7)

**Muriel Moser** (Cambridge):

*Constantine and the Roman senatorial aristocracy: a troubled relationship?*

7 March (Week 8)

**Jill Harries** (St Andrews):

*Regime Changes: Constantine & Sons, 330–350*

Conveners: Conrad Leyser and Neil McLynn

## Through the Magnifying Glass. Small Finds and the Big Gap in the Byzantine Settlement History of Miletus and Ephesus

**Saturday June 1st 2013** (Week 6 of Trinity Term)

Brasenose College, Lecture Room 11

*Convener: Philipp Niewöhner*

This one-day conference focuses on the Big Gap or so-called Dark Age that separates Late Antiquity and the middle Byzantine period and forms one of the most pressing problems of Byzantine archaeology and historiography. C. Morrisson (ed.), *Trade and Markets in Byzantium* (Washington, DC, 2012) has recently argued that such a gap should not have existed, whilst Marek Jankowiak (Wolfson) claimed the opposite in a well-received lecture to the Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar in Michaelmas Term 2012. A more conclusive contribution to this debate is currently being sought at Miletus. The conference will aim to present, collate and interpret different strands of evidence from four separate monuments in the city, where late antique and Byzantine strata have recently been excavated. Additional clarification is attempted by comparison with Ephesus, where the Byzantine stratigraphy is currently also under investigation.

Speakers include Mark Whittow (Corpus), Philipp Niewöhner (Brasenose), Yaman Dalanay (Oxford), Alice Waldner (ÖAW-Institute for the Study of Ancient Culture, Vienna), Nico Schwerdt (Humboldt University Berlin), Heike Möller (University of Cologne), Veronika Sossau (University of Innsbruck), Pamela Armstrong (Oxford), Sabine Ladstätter (Austrian Archaeological Institute, Vienna), Ebru Findik (Hacettepe University Ankara).

The conference is made possible thanks to the support of Brasenose College, the Craven Committee, the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research (OCBR), the Meyerstein Bequest, and the Austrian Archaeological Institute.

Please register with Philipp Niewöhner <philipp.niewoehner@arch.ox.ac.uk>. Morning coffee, sandwich lunch, and afternoon tea: £0/£10/£20 (unwaged/waged/donor covering for self and one unwaged).

## Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

WEDNESDAYS at 5 pm in Hilary Term 2013  
in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66, St Giles'

16 January (Week 1)

**David Gwynn** (Royal Holloway)

*'If you enquire whether the bath is ready, the answer is that the Son was made out of nothing': Doctrinal Controversies and the Late Antique Historian*

23 January (Week 2)

**David Knipp** (University of Freiburg)

*S. Maria Antiqua (Rome). The Pre-existing building and its last secular phase*

30 January (Week 3)

**Aglæ Pizzone** (University of Durham)

*Readerships and readerly pleasure in Eustathios' Homeric Commentaries*

6 February (Week 4)

**Ida Toth** (Wolfson)

*The Making of the Byzantine Book of the Philosopher Syntipas*

13 February (Week 5)

**Victor Walser** (Kommission für Alte Geschichte und Epigraphik, Munich)

*Servants of God, Heretics, and Musicians. New Inscriptions from Germia in Central Anatolia*

20 February (Week 6)

**Catherine Jolivet-Levy** (Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, Paris)

*Byzantine Monumental painting and its audience: Cappadocian case-studies*

**OCBR SPECIAL LECTURE**

27 February (Week 7)

**Daniel Reynolds** (University of Birmingham)

*Christian iconoclasm in Umayyad Palestine: social and economic perspectives*

6 March (Week 8)

**Philipp Niewoehner** (Brasenose)

*The Porphyry Tetrarchs at Venice, the Last Obelisk of Antiquity, and the first Monument of Theodosius I at Constantinople*

Conveners: Marc Lauxtermann and Mark Whittow

## Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art Seminar

THURSDAYS of Weeks 2–8, Hilary Term 2013, 11 am–12:30 pm  
St John's College, New Seminar Room

24 January (Week 2)

**David Knipp** (Freiburg):

*Some mosaic compositions at the Chora and the peristyle floor in the Great Palace of the Byzantine emperors*

31 January (Week 3)

**Nikolaos Karydis** (Kent):

*The Church of St Mary at Ephesos revisited: architectural transformations from Late Antiquity to the Byzantine period*

7 February (Week 4)

**Pamela Armstrong** (Wolfson):

*Byzantine ceramics and ceramic production: current knowledge and a way forward*

14 February (Week 5)

**Linda Hulin** (Oxford Centre for Maritime Archaeology):

*Farming the margins in eastern Libya: the relation between settled and mobile populations*

21 February (Week 6)

**Jacques Mercier** (Paris):

*The rediscovery of the Garima Gospels*

28 February (Week 7)

**Marlia Mango** (St John's):

*Responding to Byzantine environments: then and now*

7 March (Week 8)

**Alex Johnson** (Oxford):

*Geophysical prospecting, a Byzantine perspective*

Conveners: Marlia Mango (St John's) and Philipp Niewöhner (Brasenose)

## International Workshop: 'Visions of the End' Apocalypticism and Eschatology in the Abrahamic Religions (6<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> centuries C.E.)

Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford  
18–20 March 2013

*Conference Conveners: Guy Stroumsa, Professor of the Study of the Abrahamic Religions and Dr Emmanouela Grypeou*

The workshop is held in collaboration with the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) Project "Beyond the Fathers: Mapping Christian Intellectual and Artistic Activities under Early Byzantine and Islamic rules (5th–8th centuries)" directed by Hagit Amirav (VU University Amsterdam) and with the ERC Project "Defining Belief and Identities in the Eastern Mediterranean: The Role of Interreligious Debate and Interaction" directed by Yannis Papadogiannakis (King's College, London)

Speakers include: Jane Baun, Sebastian Brock, Averil Cameron, Albert de Jong, Faustina Doufikar-Aerts, Lutz Greisiger, Christopher Melchert, Yannis Papadogiannakis, Istvan Perczel, Nicolai Sinai, Helen Spurling, Robert Thomson, Emmanouela Grypeou

For more information and the programme, please see:  
[www.beyondthefathers.org/ii/](http://www.beyondthefathers.org/ii/)

Attendance is free, but space is limited, so please register in advance by emailing: [emmanouella.grypeou@theology.ox.ac.uk](mailto:emmanouella.grypeou@theology.ox.ac.uk). Please note that we can only offer lunch to speakers and invited guests but all refreshments are free.

## Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period

TUESDAYS, 2.30–4pm in Hilary Term 2013  
Oriental Institute

The seminars in Weeks 1, 6 & 7 are those that relate to Late Antiquity

15 January (Week 1)

**Tessa Rajak** (Somerville) and **Martin Goodman**:  
*The reception of Josephus to 1750*

22 January (Week 2)

QUMRAN FORUM:

**Joan Taylor** (King's College London):  
*The Essenes, the Scrolls, and the Dead Sea*  
Chaired by Geza Vermes (Director of the Qumran Forum)

29 January (Week 3)

**James Kugel** (Bar-Ilan University and Harvard University):  
*The book of Jubilees and ancient biblical interpretation*

5 February (Week 4)

**Michael Avioz** (Bar-Ilan University):  
*Josephus' interpretation of the Book of Samuel*

12 February (Week 5)

**Jang S. Ryu** (University College):  
*Philo's discourses of knowledge between Alexandria and Rome*

19 February (Week 6)

**Laliv Clenman** (Leo Baeck College and King's College London):  
*The Palestinian Talmud and Pinchas the Zealot*

26 February (Week 7)

**Arye Edrei** (Tel-Aviv University):  
*A split diaspora?*

5 March (Week 8)

**George Carras** (Washington and Lee University):  
*Torah observance in diaspora Judaism: Josephus, Philo and Pseudo-Phocylides*

Convener: Martin Goodman

## Patristic and Late Antique Seminar

### *Patristic Exegesis of Johannine Texts*

TUESDAYS, 4–5.30pm in Hilary Term 2013

Seminar Room, Theology Faculty Annexe, 41 St Giles

15 January (Week 1)

**Matthew Twigg** (Oxford):

*Ptolemy via Irenaeus*

22 January (Week 2)

**Charlotte Klingelhoefter** (Oxford):

*Origen*

29 January (Week 3)

**David Gwynn** (Royal Holloway):

*Athanasius and his Opponents*

5 February (Week 4)

**Justin Hardin** (Oxford):

*John Chrysostom*

12 February (Week 5)

**Isabella Image**, (Oxford):

*Theodore of Mopsuestia*

19 February (Week 6)

**Susan Griffith** (Oxford):

*Ambrose*

26 February (Week 7)

**Stan Rosenberg** (Oxford):

*Augustine*

5 March (Week 8)

**Elena Ene D-Vasilescu**:

*John of Damascus*

Conveners: Stan Rosenberg and Susan Griffith

## Roman Discussion Forum

WEDNESDAYS at 1pm in Hilary term 2013

Institute of Archaeology, Beaumont Street, Lecture Room

The sessions in Weeks 3, 6 and 7 cover late antique topics

16 January (Week 1)

**Rachel Hesse** (University of Oxford)

*Understanding Roman Sacrificial Practice: The Faunal Remains from the Temple at Omrit, Israel*

23 January (Week 2)

**Dr Ergün Laflı** (Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir, Turkey):

Recent Research on Roman Paphlagonia (North-Central Turkey)

30 January (Week 3)

**Professor Andrew Wilson** (University of Oxford):

*Nymphs in a palm grove: water and leisure in the South Agora at Aphrodisias*

6 February (Week 4)

**Dr Alessandro Launaro** (University of Cambridge):

*Seeing the unseen: The case of Interamna Lirenas and its territory (Southern Lazio, Italy)*

13 February (Week 5)

**Dr Hilary Cool** (Barbican Associates):

*Insula VI.1 Pompeii and the Augustan Consumer Boom*

20 February (Week 6)

**Carmela Franco** (University of Oxford):

*Roman Sicilian amphorae in the Western Mediterranean (I-VI AD): an economic analysis in the light of new data*

27 February (Week 7)

**Dr Dimitrios Christodoulou** (11th Ephorate of Prehistoric and Classical Antiquities, Chalcis, Greece):

*Deifying Diocletian and Galerius: Salonica – Split – Gamzigrad – Šarkamen*

6 March (Week 8)

**Professor Jean-Pierre Brun** (Collège de France, Paris):

*Perfume making at Delos*

## Medieval History Seminar

MONDAYS at 5 pm in Hilary Term 2013

*The following two seminars are late antique or with a strong late antique element. Each has a different venue, as shown*

21 January (Week 2)  
in the Wharton Room, All Souls College:

**Chris Wickham** (All Souls):  
*Administrators' time: the social memory of the early medieval state in Iraq and China*

4 March (Week 8)  
at the al-Jaber Auditorium, Corpus Christi College:

**Robin Fleming** (Boston College):  
*Women, children, and hard-working men in fifth- and early sixth-century lowland Britain*

OCLA special lecture with the Medieval Archaeology Seminar

Conveners: Paul Brand and Mark Whittow

## Celtic Seminar

Jesus College (Harold Wilson and Memorial Rooms)

The following paper in this series is late antique:

**Thursday 7 February 2013** (Week 4)  
Tea at 4.30pm, paper at 5pm

**Alison Bonner:**  
'The Manuscript Transmission of Pelagius's *Ad Demetriadem*'

## St John's College Research Centre Legalism Seminar Series

All seminars will be held on Tuesdays at 4:30 pm Hilary Term 2013 in the Research Centre's Seminar Room, 45 St Giles (Tea served from 4 pm).

12 February (Week 5)  
**Graham Barrett** (University of Oxford):  
*Legislation and its afterlife in early medieval Europe*

19 February (Week 6)  
**Thomas Lambert** (University of Oxford):  
*Justice and Community in seventh-century England.*

26 February (Week 7)  
**Paul Dresch** (University of Oxford):  
*Anthropology, History and Jurisprudence: which ones are oil and water?*

5 March (Week 8)  
**Soazick Kerneis** (Université Paris Nanterre, Maison Française d'Oxford):  
*Between Roman law and Barbarian custom: the first Barbarian laws in late Roman Gaul (fifth century)*

For further information please contact Judith Scheele  
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## Maison Francaise 'Ph.D. Candidates Day'

Maison Française (2–10 Norham Road, Oxford)  
**Saturday 9 February 2013**, 10.00–10.50am

**Ariane Bodin** (Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense):  
*Declaring one's conversion to Christianity in late antique Italy and Africa*

All are welcome to attend this talk

**OXFORD UNIVERSITY BYZANTINE SOCIETY  
XV INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE CONFERENCE 2013**

**Subject: 'Landscapes of Power'**

**Friday 22 and Saturday 23 February 2013**

History Faculty, George Street

**Full details at**

[http://oxfordbyzantinesociety.wordpress.com/  
international-graduate-conference-2013/](http://oxfordbyzantinesociety.wordpress.com/international-graduate-conference-2013/)

**Khalili Research Seminar**

Lecture Room, Khalili Research Centre, 3 St John Street, Oxford

**TUESDAYS** 2–3.30 pm in Hilary Term 2013

The lecture in Week 6 (19 February) is late antique:

**Nitzan Amitai-Preiss** (Visiting Scholar at the Centre for Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, University of Cambridge):

*Continuity and change in the administration of Umayyad Palestine*

Conveners: Luke Treadwell and Oliver Watson

**The James Ford Lectures in British History**

**FRIDAYS** of Weeks 1–6. Hilary Term 2013

Examination Schools at 5pm

All are welcome

**Professor John Blair** (The Queen's College):

*Building the Anglo-Saxon landscape*

18 January (Week 1)

*Defining Anglo Saxon landscapes*

25 January (Week 2)

*Landscapes of power and wealth*

1 February (Week 3)

*Why was Burton built on Trent?*

*Landscape organization and economy in the Mercian age*

8 February (Week 4)

*From central clusters to complex centres:*

*economic reorientation and the making of rural landscapes*

15 February (Week 5)

*Landscapes of rural settlement*

22 February (Week 6)

*Landscapes of the mind*

While touching on earlier centuries, these lectures are focused on the middle and late Saxon periods (7th–11th centuries)