

Listed here are the lectures and seminars  
on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford  
between January and March 2014

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there will be a link to an updated version of this booklet here:

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## **Reinventing Procopius: New Readings on Late Antique Historiography**

**Conference: Friday 17–Saturday 18 January 2014**

Al-Jaber Auditorium, Corpus Christi College, Oxford

This conference has been organised with the support of  
the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research,  
the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity,  
and Peter Bell

Registration (including sandwich lunch, coffee/tea and drinks on both days):  
£20 (£15 for students). Those wishing to attend are requested to register their  
interest by 13 January 2014 by email to <procopius2014@gmail.com>

### Speakers:

Averil Cameron (Oxford)

Geoffrey Greatrex (Ottawa)

Juan Signes Codoñer (Valladolid)

Henning Börm (Konstanz)

Conor Whately (Winnipeg)

Charles Pazdernik (GVSU)

Maria Kouroumali

Caterina Franchi (Oxford)

Elodie Turquois (Oxford)

Alan Ross (Oxford/Kwazulu Natal)

Marion Kruse (Ohio State University)

Ian Colvin (Cambridge)

James Murray (King's College London)

Simon Ford (Koç)

Miranda Williams (Oxford)

Christopher Lillington-Martin (Taunton School International)

Alexander Sarantis (Kent)

Marek Jankowiak (Oxford)

Federico Montinaro (Cologne)

Full programme:

[http://www.ocla.ox.ac.uk/pdf/poster\\_procopius\\_2014.pdf](http://www.ocla.ox.ac.uk/pdf/poster_procopius_2014.pdf)



**Ptarmigan Lecture  
in Patristics 2014**

**FACULTY OF  
THEOLOGY AND  
RELIGION**



**Gillian Clark, FBA**

(Professor Emerita in Ancient History,  
University of Bristol)

***“Words and Music:  
Augustine and the Psalms”***

Tuesday, 18 February 2014  
at 5pm in the Examination Schools

**OXFORD CENTRE FOR LATE ANTIQUITY**



*St Cyrus (S. Maria Antiqua)*

Please join us for  
a discussion  
to celebrate the  
publication of  
Phil Booth’s book

***Crisis of Empire:  
Doctrine and Dissent  
at the End of  
Late Antiquity***

(University of  
California Press)

**Friday 7 March 2014**  
Sutro Room,  
Trinity College, at 5pm

The discussion of the book and its implications will be led by  
Averil Cameron, Fergus Millar and Marek Jankowiak

## Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar (REVISED)

WEDNESDAYS at 5 pm in Hilary Term 2014  
in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles'

22 January (Week 1)

**Marie Legendre** (Oriental Institute):

*The administration of the Egyptian valley: A model for the Umayyad west?*

29 January (Week 2)

**Jörg Drauschke** (Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum Mainz):

*Byzantium and the Merovingians*

5 February (Week 3)

**Benjamin Isaac** (Tel Aviv University):

*Moving capitals – From Rome to Constantinople*

12 February (Week 4)

**Tomasz Derda** (University of Warsaw):

*A new archive from Late Antique Egypt: 'Marea', its basilica and its ostraka*

19 February (Week 5)

**Ioanna Rapti** (UMR8167 Orient et Méditerranée, Paris):

*Byzantine–Armenian gift diplomacy and the making of a holy place in the late tenth century*

26 February (Week 6)

**Kyle Sinclair** (University of Birmingham):

*Michael Attaleiates and eyewitness accounts of war in Byzantine literature*

5 March (Week 7)

**Hugh Kennedy** (SOAS):

*The end of Islamic Late Antiquity: change and decay in the tenth-century Middle East*

12 March (Week 8)

**Tom Higham and Georges Kazan** (School of Archaeology, Oxford):

*Science and the Sacred: a modern, network-based, cross disciplinary study of Early Christian relics*

Conveners: Marc Lauxtermann and Mark Whittow

## Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art Seminar (Twentieth Anniversary seminar term)

### *Manufacture, Trade, Currency, and Spolia*

THURSDAYS, 11am–12.30pm in Hilary Term 2014

St John's College, New Seminar Room

23 January (Week 1)

**Dr Peter Sarris** (Cambridge):

*A Byzantine Market Economy ? Trade, Markets and the State from Late Antiquity to the Middle Empire (REVISED TITLE)*

30 January (Week 2)

**Dr Jörg Drauschke** (Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum, Mainz):

*New insights on the production of "Coptic" bronze vessels: A workshop on Elephantine Island (Aswan, Egypt)*

6 February (Week 3)

**Dr Elias Khamis** (Oxford):

*The Early Islamic bronzes from Tiberias (in Galilee), reconsidered*

13 February (Week 4)

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

*One of two Byzantine metal exports excavated in an Anglo-Saxon princely burial at PrITTLEWELL in Britain*

20 February (Week 5)

**Dr Julian Baker** (Ashmolean Museum):

*The silver gigliato currency of the fourteenth century in the Aegean: new data and interpretations*

27 February (Week 6)

**Dr Marek Jankowiak** (Khalili Research Centre):

*Byzantine coins and ornaments in northern lands (ninth–tenth century)*

6 March (Week 7)

**Dr Chris Entwistle** (British Museum):

*Byzantine weights: typologies and patterns of distribution*

13 March (Week 8)

**Dr Jonathan Bardill**:

*St Polyeuctus and San Marco: symbolism and spolia*

Conveners: Dr Marlia Mango and Dr Philipp Niewöhner

## Late Roman Seminar

THURSDAYS at 5pm (except Week 1) in Hilary Term 2014  
at Corpus Christi College

23 January (Week 1)

**ROUND TABLE** Co-sponsored by [TORCH](#)

'Faith and Belief in the Ancient World: Dispelling Misconceptions'

**Kate Cooper** (Manchester/TORCH), **Teresa Morgan** (Oxford),

**Jonathan Tallon** (Manchester)

\*NB 5.15pm in Al-Jaber auditorium, Corpus Christi College\*

30 January (Week 2)

**James Corke-Webster** (Edinburgh):

*The Pliny-Trajan Correspondence on the Christians Reconsidered*

6 February (Week 3)

**Jas Elsner** (Oxford):

*Concealment and Revelation: The Pola Casket and the Visuality of Early Christian Relics*

13 February (Week 4)

**Alexander Evers** (Loyola):

*The Robe: the Emperor Gratian and the Title Pontifex Maximus*

20 February (Week 5)

**Jitse Dijkstra** (Ottawa):

*The "Alexandrian World Chronicle" Reconsidered: Place in the Late Antique Chronicle Traditions, Date and Historical Implications*

27 February (Week 6)

**Neil McLynn** and **Conrad Leyser**:

*Dialogues of the Deaf: Donatist Disputations and Carolingian Copyists*

6 March (Week 7)

**Julia Hillner** (Sheffield):

*Imperial Women and the City of Rome in Late Antiquity*

13 March (Week 8)

**Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe** (KCL):

*Ideas of Diabolical Heresy in Late Antiquity*

Conveners: Conrad Leyser and Neil McLynn

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

TUESDAYS, 2.30–4.00pm in Hilary Term 2014  
Oriental Institute

21 January (Week 1)

**Dr Helen Spurling** (Southampton):

*Jewish apocalypticism in the seventh-eighth centuries CE*

28 January (Week 2)

**Amit Gvaryahu** (Hebrew University):

*Usurers and other problematic professions in tannaitic literature*

4 February (Week 3)

**Dr Meir Ben Shahar** (Hebrew University):

*The rise of historical consciousness in rabbinic literature: from the Mishnah to the Babylonian Talmud*

11 February (Week 4)

**Professor Sacha Stern** (UCL):

*Pirquei deRabbi Eliezer and the origins of the 19-year cycle*

18 February (Week 5)

**Professor David Jacobson** (UCL):

*Hasmonean coinage: some issues and fresh insights*

25 February (Week 6)

**Professor Nicholas de Lange** (Cambridge):

*Aquila fragments from the Genizah*

(GRINFIELD LECTURE)

4 March (Week 7)

**Dr David Taylor** (Wolfson):

*Jewish exegetical traditions in Syriac sources*

11 March (Week 8)

**Dr Peter Stewart** (Wolfson):

*The Beth Alpha synagogue mosaic and late antique provincialism*

Convener: Martin Goodman

## Patristic Seminar

### Patristic Exegesis of the Psalms

TUESDAYS in Hilary Term 2014  
Room 2, Christ Church, 4.00–5.30pm (except for Week 5),

21 January (Week 1)

**Dr Mark Edwards:**

*Unmasking the fool: Patristic commentary on Psalms 14.1 and 53.1*

28 January (Week 2)

**Dr Alison Salvesen:**

*Theodoret: the LXX and later Jewish versions in his commentary on Psalms—  
Pss 45 and 68*

4 February (Week 3)

**Austin Shaw:**

*Athanasius' Letter to Marcellinus*

11 February (Week 4)

**Bella Image:**

*Origen, Hilary, and Ambrose on Ps.118*

18 February (Week 5)

*To be held in the Examination Schools at 5pm*

**Professor Gillian Clark** (Emerita, Bristol)

*Parmigan Lecture in Patristics: Words and Music: Augustine and the Psalms*

25 February (Week 6)

**Dr Stan Rosenberg:**

*Jerome on nature and the natural world*

4 March (Week 7)

**Dr Sebastien Morlet** (University of Paris, Sorbonne):

*Eusebius and Origen on the Psalms*

11 March (Week 8)

**Dr Susan Griffith:**

*Ambrose*

Conveners: Stan Rosenberg and Mark Edwards

## Medieval Archaeology Seminar

MONDAYS at 3pm in Hilary Term 2014  
Institute of Archaeology Lecture Room

The following two items on the programme are relevant to Late Antiquity:

10 February (Week 4)

**Susanne Hakenbeck:**

*Nomads and farmers: diet, subsistence and identity in fifth-century Hungary*

24 February (Week 6)

**Christopher Scull:**

*The Bling King? Interpreting the Anglo-Saxon princely burial at Prittlewell,  
Essex*

## KRC Research Seminar

Khalili Research Centre, Lecture Room  
TUESDAYS of Weeks 2–8, 2.00–4.00pm, in Hilary Term 2014

The following three items on the programme are relevant to Late Antiquity:

28 January (Week 2)

**Dr Georgi Parpulov** (Oxford):

*Christian figural art in the Islamic Near East, c.650–900*

18 February (Week 5 )

**Professor Chase Robinson** (City University of New York):

*A hedgehog's view of the late eighth-century economy of Northern Syria*  
[to be confirmed]

4 March (Week 7)

**Dr Alain George** (Edinburgh University):

*Three Umayyad poems about the Great Mosque of Damascus*

Convener: Professor Jeremy Johns

## Grinfield Lectures

### **Japheth in the Tents of Shem: Greek Bible Translations in Medieval Judaism**

Three lectures to be given by  
**Professor Nicholas de Lange** (Cambridge)  
in the Sixth Week of Hilary Term 2014

*New Light on an Old Question*  
Monday 24 February at 5.00pm  
in the Examination Schools

*Aquila Fragments from the Genizah*  
(Seminar in Jewish Studies in the Greco-Roman Period)  
Tuesday 25 February, 2.30–4.00pm  
in the Oriental Institute

*The Successors of Aquila*  
Thursday 27 February  
Ioannou Centre, 5.00–6.00pm  
followed by a reception (drinks)

Conveners: Martin Goodman and Alison Salvesen

## The Roman Discussion Forum

**WEDNESDAYS** in Hilary Term 2014 at 1.00 pm (coffee and biscuits afterwards)  
Lecture Room, Institute of Archaeology, Beaumont Street

The following three items on the programme are relevant to Late Antiquity:

12 February (Week 4)

**Professor Mark Pollard** and **Pete Bray** (University of Oxford):  
*Roman Copper Supply: Thinking Recycled*

26 February (Week 6)

**Professor Chris Howgego** and **Jerome Mairat** (University of Oxford):  
*The Coin Hoards of the Roman Empire Project*

5 March (Week 7)

**Dr Matthew Harpster** (University of Birmingham):  
*'...and for sails they used skins and thin-dressed leather...'* (Caesar, *De Bello Gallico*, 3.12): *Ships, Identity and Maritime Communities in the Roman and Late Antique Mediterranean*

Organisers: Andrew Wilson, Nichole Sheldrick, and Amanda Sharp  
with the support of the Faculty of Classics, the School of Archaeology,  
and All Souls College

### **Joint meeting of the Oxford University Byzantine Society and the Oxford Medieval Society: Conceptualising the East at 1000 CE**

Thursday 20 February 2013 (5th Week), at 8pm in the Swire Room, University  
College

**Professor Garth Fowden** (Cambridge):

*Reading Photius, Ibn al-Nadim and Elias bar Shenaya in the light of the First  
Millennium*

**Professor Hugh Kennedy** (SOAS):

*The End of Islamic Late Antiquity: change and decay in the tenth century  
Middle East*

There will be an informal dinner with the speakers beforehand, at a nearby  
restaurant at 6pm. If you would like to reserve a place at the dinner, please  
email <veronique.thouroude@queens.ox.ac.uk>

## Other seminar series

*These single seminars from five other series are relevant to late antiquity*

### Power Structuralism in Ancient Ontologies Project

Tuesday 28 January 2014 (Week 2), 2:30–4:00pm, Corpus Christi College  
**Tomasz Tiuryn** (University of Warsaw): *Alexander of Aphrodisias on Universals*

### Oxford Ancient History Seminar

Tuesday 4 February (Week 3) at 5pm  
Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles'  
**Fergus Millar**: *Symeon Stylite the Elder: a role-model for Syrians*

### Medieval History Seminar

Monday 10 February (Week 4) at 5pm in All Souls College  
**Graham Barrett** (St John's) and George Woudhuysen (All Souls): ~  
*Editing and interpreting early medieval letters* (discussing non-papal letters from Gaul and Iberia in the period between 400 and 700 AD)

### Ancient Architecture Discussion Group

Friday 7 February at 3pm in the School of Archaeology  
**Philipp Niewöhner** (Oxford): *Ancient Sima Lions or Mediaeval Gargoyles? Late Antique and Byzantine Water Spouts*

### Classical Archaeology Seminar

Monday 3 March (Week 7) at 5pm at the Ioannou Centre  
Dr Fanny Bessard (SOAS): *Civic power and the Ideological Determinants of Urban Economic Planning in the transition from Classical Antiquity to early Islam: From the Levant to Ferghana (700-950 CE)*

### Legalism Seminar

Tuesday 4 March (Week 7) at 4.30pm (with tea available at 4pm)  
in the St John's Research Centre  
**Kate Cooper**:  
*Religion and Law in Late Antiquity: from Compulsion to Jurisdiction?*

### The Oxford Celtic Seminar

Thursday 6 March (Week 7) at 3pm (with tea and biscuits from 2.30pm)  
in the Harold Wilson and Memorial Rooms, Jesus College  
**Dr Alison Bonner** (Jesus College):  
*Important manuscript witnesses of Pelagius' Letter to Demetrias*

## OXFORD UNIVERSITY BYZANTINE SOCIETY'S XVI INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE CONFERENCE

# The City & the cities: From Constantinople to the frontier

History Faculty, George Street

Friday 28 February and  
Saturday 1 March 2014

This conference will explore the myriad approaches towards these issues, in all fields of Late Antique and Byzantine studies, including history, archaeology, history of art, theology, literature, intellectual history, and philology. Confirmed sessions include:

The Old Rome  
The New Rome  
Byzantium Beyond the Frontier  
Monastic Cities  
Urban Forms Beyond the Frontier  
Civic Patronage and Persuasion  
Economics, Trade, and the Cities

Registration Fees: £15 OUBS members/speakers, £20 everyone else.

Full information is on the conference website:

<http://oxfordbyzantinesociety.wordpress.com/international-graduate-conference-2014/>