



Listed here are the lectures and seminars on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford between 21 April and 13 June 2008.

The Special Lectures are funded by a generous grant from Lewis Chester, who read History at Trinity College in the 1980s

The details of all these events are also available on the OCLA web-site:

www.ocla.ox.ac.uk

(where any up-datings will be posted)



Miracles, Myths and Menorahs: Celebrating the Wilshire Collection at the Ashmolean Museum



Special lecture by
Professor Michael Vickers
and
Dr Susan Walker

followed by a reception on
Thursday 1 May 2008 at 5pm
in the Headley Lecture Theatre,
Ashmolean Museum

This special lecture and reception celebrates the recent acquisition by the Ashmolean of the Wilshire Collection of late Roman gold-glass, sarcophagi and inscriptions.

No charge is made for this event, but as space is limited please confirm your attendance to <antiquities@ashmus.ox.ac.uk>, tel. 01865 278020





(WITH THE SEMINAR FOR LATE ANTIQUE AND BYZANTINE STUDIES)

SPECIAL LECTURE

John Dillon (Trinity College Dublin)

“The Religion of the Last Hellenes”



Wednesday 7 May 2008 at 5pm

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies,
66 St Giles', Oxford

*(At 5p.m. on Thursday 8 May, Prof. Dillon will give a further paper on
‘The Last Hellenic Philosophers’, at the ‘After Rome’ seminar,
held in the Danson Room, Trinity College)*

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SPECIAL
LECTURE

Daniel Boyarin
(Berkeley)

*“Integrating Jews
and Judaism into
late antique history:
Hellenism in Jewish
Babylonia”*

Monday 19 May 2008
at 5pm
Danson Room,
Trinity College,
Oxford



*(At 2.15p.m. on Tuesday 20 May, Prof. Boyarin will give a further paper
on ‘Lucian, Petronius, and the genre of the Talmud’, at the ‘Seminar on
Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period’, held in the
Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane, Oxford)*

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SPECIAL LECTURE

Michael Morony
(UCLA)

*“Should
Sasanian Iran
be included in
Late Antiquity?”*

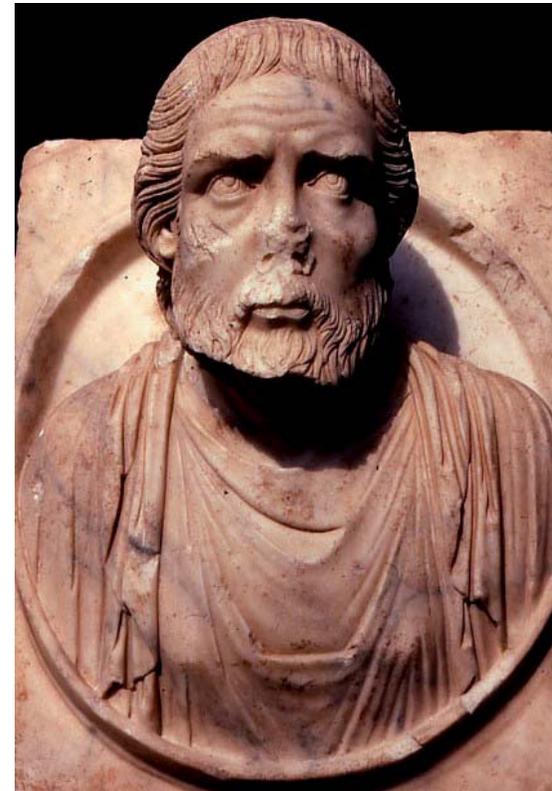
Tuesday 20 May 2008
at 5pm

Lecture Theatre,
History Faculty,
George Street, Oxford

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(With the Seminar for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies)



SPECIAL LECTURE

Gyburg Radke
(Freie Universität, Berlin)

*‘The Platonism
of Early
Christian
Theology’*

Wednesday 4 June 2008
at 5pm

Ioannou Centre for
Classical and
Byzantine Studies,
66 St Giles’, Oxford

(At 5p.m. on Thursday 5 June, Prof. Radke will give a further paper on ‘Studia Humanitatis in late Ancient and Medieval Thought’, at the ‘After Rome’ seminar, held in the Danson Room, Trinity College)

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‘After Rome’: Aspects of the History and Archaeology of the Fifth to Seventh Centuries

Convenors: James Howard-Johnston (Corpus Christi College) and Bryan Ward-Perkins (Trinity College)

Thursdays at 5pm in the Danson Room, Trinity College

- Week 1 **Josef Wiesehofer** (Kiel):
24 April *Kawad, Khusro I and the Mazdakites: a New Proposal*
- Week 2 **No Seminar** in the Danson Room
1 May Instead, at 5pm in the **Headley Lecture Theatre**
 of the Ashmolean Museum:
Susan Walker and **Michael Vickers** (Ashmolean Museum,
Oxford):
*Miracles, Myths and Menorahs: Celebrating the Wilshire Col-
lection*
- Week 3 **John Dillon** (Trinity College Dublin):
8 May *The Last Hellenic Philosophers*
- Week 4 **Gavin Kelly** (Edinburgh):
15 May *Early Constantinople through the Eyes of Eastern Pagans*
- Week 5 **Geoffrey Greatrex** (Ottawa):
22 May *Patriarchs and Politics in early sixth-century Constantinople*
- Week 6 **Yuri Marano** (Padova):
29 May *The Building Policy of Theoderic*
- Week 7 **Gyburg Radke** (Freie Universität, Berlin):
5 June *Studia Humanitatis in late Ancient and Medieval Thought*
- Week 8 **Claire Sotinel** (Tours):
12 June *Imperial Rome in the fifth century: a new Constantinople?*

Collecting Legal Texts in Late Antiquity

Convenor: Professor Boudewijn Sirks

The following papers will be delivered and discussed in All Souls College on the two Wednesdays indicated.

Wednesday 14 May, 11am–1pm:

Professor Wolfgang Kaiser (Freiburg im Breisgau):
Et in digestis et constitutionibus didicimus – the Epitome Iuliani and legal instruction under Justinian

Dr Simon Corcoran (UCL):
The Gregorianus and Hermogenianus assembled and shattered

Wednesday 4 June, 11am–1pm

Dr Alexander Evers (Augustinianum, Rome):
The Collectio Avellana

Dr Olivier Huck (Strasbourg):
The Sirmondian Constitutions

These seminars are supported by All Souls College and by a grant from Lewis Chester through the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity

Medieval Economic and Social History Seminar

Convenors: John Blair (Queen’s) and Ian Forrest (Oriel)

Wednesday 14 May (Week 4) at 5pm
in the MacGregor Room, Oriel College

John Hines (Cardiff):
Sceattas and Scyllingas: coins and values in seventh-century Anglo-Saxon society

Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

Convenors: Dr. J.D. Howard-Johnston, Professor M. Lauxtermann, Dr M. Mango

Wednesdays at 5 pm in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles'. All sessions are in the lecture theatre on the ground floor except for those on 14 and 21 May.

- Week 1 **James Howard-Johnston:**
23 April *Heraclius' celebration and exploitation of victory*
- Week 2 **Marc Lauxtermann:**
30 April *Two manuscripts in search of an author: Vat.gr. 676 and John Mauropous, Bodl. Clarke 15 and Mark the Monk*
- Week 3 **John Dillon** (Dublin):
7 May *The religion of the last Hellenes**
- Week 4 **Andrew Wilson:**
14 May *Bread and water: milling and baking in Roman and late Roman cities (to be held in first-floor seminar room, Ioannou Centre)*
- Week 5 **Gilbert Dagron** (Paris):
21 May *À propos du De Cerimoniis*
(To be held in the New Seminar Room, St John's College)
- Week 6 **Tassos Papacostas** (London) and **Maria Parani** (Cyprus):
28 May *The monastery of St. John Chrysostom at Koutsovendis, Cyprus: history, architecture and painting*
- Week 7 **Gyburg Radke** (Berlin):
4 June *Late neo-Platonism**
- Week 8 **Cyril Mango:**
11 June *Imagining Constantinople*

* The seminars in Weeks 3 and 7 are held jointly with the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity, www.oxla.ox.ac.uk

The programme of seminars has been devised to include several topics of particular interest to Cyril Mango, who celebrated his eightieth birthday in April.

Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art seminar

Convenor: Dr Marlia Mango (St John's College)

Wednesdays 12 noon, Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8
Institute of Archaeology, Seminar Room

- Week 2 **Dr Marlia Mango:**
30 April *MM = the Forty Martyrs? Monks and the Military*
- Week 4 **Dr Orit Peleg:**
14 May *A Byzantine neighbourhood south of Temple Mount in Jerusalem: But where is the church?*
- Week 6 **Dr David Milson**
28 May *On the first-identified synagogue converted to a church in late antique Palestine*
- Week 8 **Yaman Dalanay**
11 June *From Ephesus to Ayasuluk: the transformation of a city between the eleventh and the sixteenth century*

Late Antique Reading Group

This informal reading group, with a membership primarily of graduate students (at both masters and doctoral level), usually meets every fortnight during term to discuss recent works on Late Antiquity. Members of the group agree what they want to discuss, from the whole field of Late Antiquity.

Anyone interested in joining the group (from inside or outside Oxford University) should contact Maria Kouroumali <maria.kouroumali@wolfson.ox.ac.uk>

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

Tuesdays at 2.15pm in the Oriental Institute except in weeks 2 and 3, which will be held in Examination Schools.

22 April (Week 1)

Dr Gaia Lembi (UCL):

Josephus on John Hyrcanus I

29 April (Week 2)

Professor Peter Schäfer (Princeton):

Jewish Cosmology in Rabbinic Literature

(Catherine Lewis Master Class: in Examination Schools)

May 6 (Week 3)

Professor Peter Schäfer (Princeton):

Enoch, Metatron, Jesus and the Unity of God

(Catherine Lewis Master Class: in Examination Schools)

May 13 (Week 4)

Professor James Charlesworth (Princeton Theological Seminary):

Rules for restoring lacunae in Qumran manuscripts

May 20 (Week 5)

Professor Daniel Boyarin (Berkeley):

Lucian, Petronius, and the genre of the Talmud

May 27 (Week 6)

Professor Chaim Milikowsky (Bar Ilan University):

Seder Olam within the twin contexts of Jewish historiography and Jewish exegesis in the Hellenistic-Roman period: the earliest rabbinic work?

June 3 (Week 7)

Dr Orit Peleg (Hebrew University of Jerusalem):

Reconstructing Herod's 'Stoa Basileia'

Patristic Graduate Seminar

Tuesdays at 5:00 pm, Lecture Room 2, Christ Church

Convenors: Mark Edwards and Yannis Papadogiannakis

22 April (Week 1)

Phil Booth (Cambridge):

Maximus Confessor and the End of the Late Ancient Holy Man

29 April (Week 2)

Keith Collins (Keble College):

A Man Bent on Unity: Sources of Authority in Ignatius of Antioch

6 May (Week 3)

Brendan Wolfe (Wolfson College):

What Kind of Discipline is Gothic Studies?

13 May (Week 4)

Alexis Torrance (Christ Church):

'Bending the Knees of your Hearts': Re-assessing Repentance in the Early Church

20 May (Week 5)

Michael Champion (King's College, London):

Creation in Late Antique Gaza

27 May (Week 6)

Peter Schadler (Oxford):

The Concept of 'Heresy' in Late Antiquity With Special Reference to John of Damascus and his Treatise on Islam

3 June (Week 7)

Johannes Zachhuber (Trinity College):

Individuals in Gregory of Nyssa

10 June (Week 8)

Julia Konstantinovskiy (Greyfriars):

The Role of the Intellect in Evagrius Ponticus