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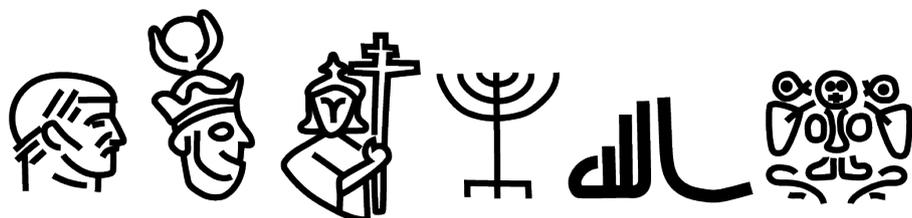
Listed here are the lectures, seminars and events on  
Late Antiquity  
in Oxford

Hilary term  
2020-2021  
(January - March)

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

<https://ocla.web.ox.ac.uk>

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Damascus - Temple of Jupiter - west monumental entrance (propylaea)  
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## Preface

Dear all,

Welcome back and happy new year. For a third term running we find ourselves unable to meet in person, and I know that many of us are eager to return to normal seminars, and the various opportunities which these afford for informal chats and exchanges. This now lies within sight. But in the meantime we must be extremely grateful to colleagues for the impressive number of online seminars and events which have been organised for us all this term.

Within this booklet you can find the listings for all events which intersect with the interests of members of OCLA. As always, we offer our thanks to **Vendi Jukić Buča** for compiling and designing this booklet. If an event does not appear but which you would like to be circulated to members, please do not hesitate to email Vendi ([ocla@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ocla@history.ox.ac.uk)) with details.

I would like to remind everyone that OCLA continues to offer small grants to postholders and to postgraduates to support relevant events and activities. Details can be found on our website: <https://www.ocla.ox.ac.uk/>, where this booklet and biographies of members can also be found.

Please do also visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/OCLASocial/>), where you can find details of many other events happening within the field of Late Antiquity.

Many best wishes for the term ahead, and stay well

**Phil Booth**



## Impressum

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**Vendi Jukić Buča**

### Contact us

If you would like to inform us about the events in your organisation, or wish to be sent occasional emails detailing forthcoming events in Oxford, please email Vendi Jukić Buča to [ocla@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ocla@history.ox.ac.uk).

Oxford, January 2021.

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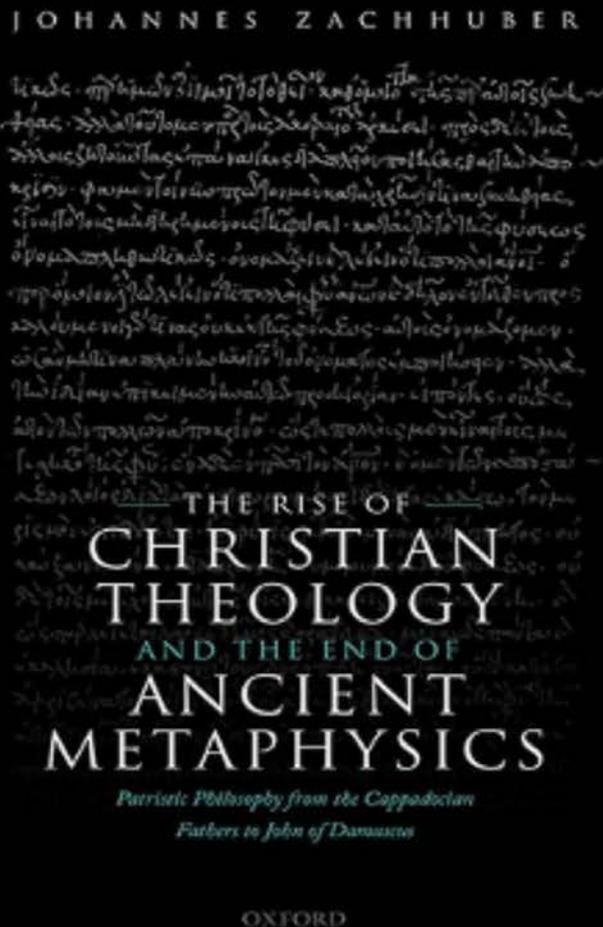
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## Lectures and Events

The Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity

invites you to an online event to celebrate the recent publication of



**Johannes Zachhuber**

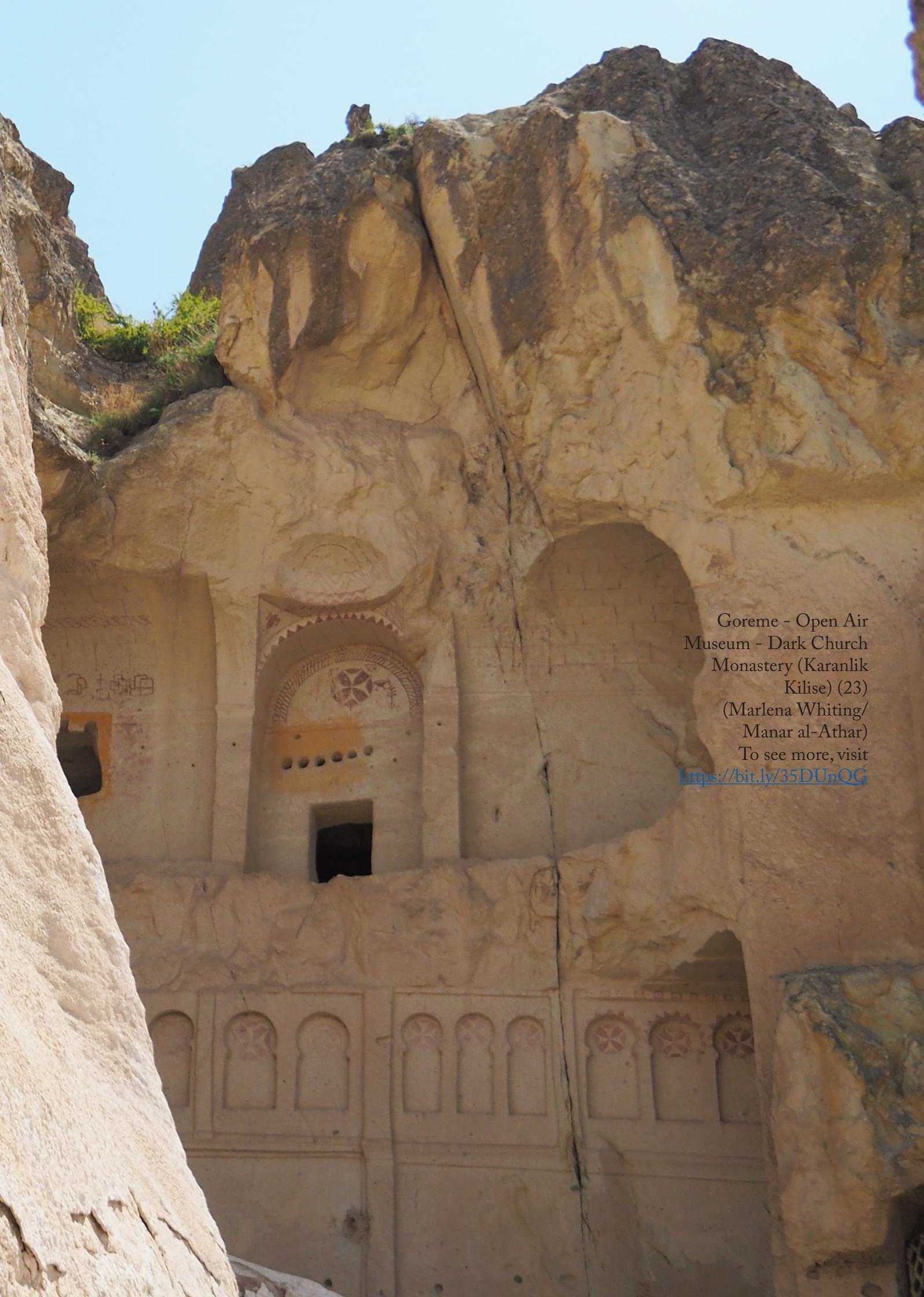
‘The Rise of Christian Theology and the End of Ancient Metaphysics: Patristic Philosophy from the Cappadocian Fathers to John of Damascus’

Friday 29th January 5pm-6.30pm GMT

Discussants will be Mark Edwards, Christophe Erismann, Dirk Krausmüller, and Anna Marmodoro

To register your interest please email [philip.booth@theology.ox.ac.uk](mailto:philip.booth@theology.ox.ac.uk)

Zoom link: <https://us05web.zoom.us/j/86856707116?pwd=ZXd3YjBHbk9ETkt3R0dqNU91VGhDZz09>



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Museum - Dark Church  
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Kilise) (23)  
(Marlena Whiting/  
Manar al-Athar)  
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<https://bit.ly/35DUuQG>

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## Seminars

*Mondays*

### Classical Archaeology Seminar Ancient Material Religion

Convened by **C. Potts & I. Jacobs**  
Mondays at 5 PM.

Link to join (Teams):  
<https://bit.ly/35EiZJh>

[[https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_YTE1YWFhMzgtNDczNS00NTRILTgzOWUtNzBhOWYyNGI4YjU1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22cc95de1b-97f5-4f93-b4ba-fe68b852cf91%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22436c96b4-f6bf-46eb-92bc-3c66699a272f%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YTE1YWFhMzgtNDczNS00NTRILTgzOWUtNzBhOWYyNGI4YjU1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22cc95de1b-97f5-4f93-b4ba-fe68b852cf91%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22436c96b4-f6bf-46eb-92bc-3c66699a272f%22%7d)]

- (W1) 18 January     **Jessica Hughes** (The Open University) ‘What is (Ancient) Material Religion? A Perspective from The Open University’
- 6 (W2) 25 January     **Jaś Elsner** (University of Oxford) ‘Rome, India, China: Religion, Comparison and Meaning in the Material Culture of Late Ancient Eurasia’
- (W3) 1 February     **Hugh Jeffery** (University of Oxford) ‘The House of Kybele: Heirloom Artefacts and Domestic Ritual in Seventh-Century Aphrodisias’
- (W4) 8 February     **Milena Melfi & Thomas Mannack** (University of Oxford) ‘The Athenians in Thrace and the diffusion of the cult of Asklepios in the Thasian Pereia’
- (W5) 15 February     **Emma-Jane Graham** (The Open University) ‘Cult Instruments and the Haptic Production of Religious Knowledge in Roman Ritual’
- (W6) 22 February     **Dominic Dalglish** (University of Oxford) ‘Jupiter [Optimus Maximus] Heliopolitanus and the Temple Complex at Heliopolis-Baalbek’
- (W7) 1 March     **Rachel Wood** (University of Oxford) ‘Tello from the Other Side: Reappraising a Hellenistic-Period Site in Southern Babylonia’
- (W8) 8 March     **Ian Haynes** (Newcastle University) ‘Rethinking Cult and Materiality: The Case of Liber Pater at Apulum’

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## Seminars

*Mondays*

### Medieval History Seminar

Convened by **Ian Forrest**, **Julia Smith**, **Benjamin Thompson**  
Mondays at 5 PM.

An exciting range of papers will be presented online this term. Most speakers will pre-circulate their paper on Teams before introducing a discussion which assumes that the paper has been read in advance by participants. Details of each seminar's structure will be published in the Team's chat in advance.

The seminar relies on signing up to receive an online invitation to access papers and join the seminar itself.

The papers and meeting invitations are available by joining the seminar's Microsoft Teams group – search in Teams groups for “Medieval History Research Seminar”, (Team code rmppucs) then click ‘Join Team’. Alternatively, please send an email from your Oxford University email address to [medhistsem@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:medhistsem@history.ox.ac.uk) and request to be added to the group.

Please note that seminar papers will not be retrospectively available.

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| (W1) 18 January  | <b>Patrick Geary</b> (emeritus, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton) ‘The Challenges and Dangers of Integrating Genomic Data into Early Medieval History’                  | 7 |
| (W2) 25 January  | <b>Sara McDougall</b> (City University of New York) ‘Judging Sex in Late Medieval France’  |   |
| (W3) 1 February  | <b>Ruth Mostern</b> (University of Pittsburgh) ‘Settler Colonialism, Shatterzones of State Power, and the Exploitation of Cheap Nature in Song Era China (960-1276 CE)’        |   |
| (W4) 8 February  | <b>Alex Vukovich</b> (St Edmund Hall) ‘Euphrosyne of Polotsk: Princess of Rus, Traveller to the Holy Land, and the National Saint of Belarus’                                  |   |
| (W5) 15 February | <b>Yusen Yu</b> (Corpus Christi, Oxford) ‘Gold on the move in medieval Afro-Eurasia’   |   |
| (W6) 22 February | <b>Marek Jankowiak</b> (Corpus Christi, Oxford) ‘What if our chronological framework is wrong? Misdated popes, the mission to Northumbria, and a puzzling Merovingian charter’ |   |
| (W7) 1 March     | <b>Henry Tann</b> (Balliol) “‘Measure endures’”: Merchants in late medieval Italy and the virtue of “misura”   |   |
| (W8) 8 March     | <b>Maryanne Kowaleski</b> (Fordham University, New York) ‘Seamen and The Realm: Were Medieval Mariners ‘Political?’  |   |

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## Seminars

*Tuesdays*

### Seminar On Jewish History And Literature In The Graeco-Roman Period

Convened by **M. Goodman & A. Salvesen**  
Tuesdays at 2 PM.

[For information on how to join the seminar online, email [martin.goodman@orinst.ox.ac.uk](mailto:martin.goodman@orinst.ox.ac.uk)]

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| (W1) 19 January  | <b>Dr Daniel Weiss</b> (Cambridge) 'Jesus-followers and non-minim in early rabbinic literature'   |
| (W2) 26 January  | <b>Dr Jeremiah Coogan</b> (Keble) 'Matthew, Jewish Christian Gospels, and the Parting of the Ways'  |
| (W3) 2 February  | <b>Professor Ahuvia Kahane</b> (Trinity College Dublin) 'The piety of transgression: biblical injunctions and religious practice in Palmyra, Dura-Europos and Besara' |
| (W4) 9 February  | <b>Dr Katharina Keim</b> (Lund) 'Biblical women in late midrash'  |
| (W5) 16 February | <b>Dr James Aitken</b> [LXX Forum: Grinfield Lecture] 'The Septuagint, editing, and textual production in ancient Judaism'  |
| (W6) 23 February | <b>Professor Hindy Najman</b> (Oriel) 'Articulating the scriptural in the Book of Jubilees'   |
| (W7) 2 March     | <b>Dr Oliver Norris</b> (Oriental Studies) [LXX Forum] 'The significance of the Old Latin Psalter for understanding the Septuagint, Hebrew Bible, and New Testament'  |
| (W8) 9 March     | <b>Professor Martin Goodman</b> (Wolfson) 'Herod and the Temple in Jerusalem'   |

 Of special interest

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## Seminars

*Tuesdays*

### The Oxford Pre-Modern Middle Eastern History Seminar

Convened by E.Herzig, A.Niyazioğlu, & C. Sahner

Tuesdays at 5.30 PM.

This webinar series will explore various aspects of pre-Modern Middle Eastern history, including talks on early Islam, post-Mongol Iran, Medieval Armenia, and the Ottoman Empire. Each speaker will be joined by a respondent to discuss the themes of their talk.

For full details on the individual webinars please see our programme here: <https://ongc.web.ox.ac.uk/files/theoxfordpre-modernmiddleeasternhistoryseminarposter50pdf>.

Registration links for the individual online events can be found here: <https://ongc.web.ox.ac.uk/event/the-oxford-pre-modern-middle-eastern-history-seminar>.

- (W1) 19 January      **Lena Salaymeh** (Oxford) ‘The Beginnings of Islam’  
Respondent: Khaled Abou El Fadl (UCLA)  
Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_HMomOhsgTCWzyr6g69tkZQ](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HMomOhsgTCWzyr6g69tkZQ)
- (W2) 26 January      **Christopher Melchert** (Oxford) ‘Before Sufism: Early Islamic Renunciant Piety’  
Respondent: Michael Cooperson (UCLA)  
Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_RNbcLWDESCWGSTY-LYCbNw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RNbcLWDESCWGSTY-LYCbNw)
- (W3) 2 February      **Ahab Bdaiwi** (Leiden/Cambridge) ‘Explorations into the Origins of Islam: Religious and Philosophical Worldviews of the Quranic Mushrikūn’  
Respondent: Nicolai Sinai (Oxford)  
Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ImAdWPKVSwWPAv7vK7yQeA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ImAdWPKVSwWPAv7vK7yQeA)
- (W4) 9 February      **Dominic Brookshaw** (Oxford) ‘Beyond the Mystical: how Hafiz’s poetry can help historians read post-Mongol Iran’  
Respondent: Paul Losensky (Indiana)  
Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dKewoEoeRPOLQ3PVzo0GFw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dKewoEoeRPOLQ3PVzo0GFw)
- (W5) 16 February      **David Zakarian** (Oxford) ‘Redeeming Books: Christian-Muslim Relations through the Colophons of Medieval Armenian Manuscripts’  
Respondent: Heghnar Watenpaugh (UC Davis)  
Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_jkvgKIVFQxynSS6rmOZk3Q](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_jkvgKIVFQxynSS6rmOZk3Q)



- (W6) 23 February **Zeynep Yürekli** (Oxford) ‘Ottoman Historiography and Topographical Illustration in Manuscripts attributed to Matrakçı Nasuh’  
Respondent: Serpil Bağcı, (Hacettepe)  
Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_X3dCPiDeRV-9p811B0bq\\_Q](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_X3dCPiDeRV-9p811B0bq_Q)
- (W7) 2 March **Negin Yavari** (Columbia/Oxford) ‘The Language of Politics in Wā’iz Kāshifī’s Futuwatnāma-i sulṭānī’  
Respondent: Alan Strathern (Oxford)  
Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_cObV0pmUSVeEOrqObjzOaw](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_cObV0pmUSVeEOrqObjzOaw)
- (W8) 9 March **Ali Aydın Karamustafa** (Oxford) ‘Tribes, bandits, & minstrels: A shared popular culture as a response to Ottoman and Safavid power’  
Respondent: Edmund Herzig (Oxford)  
Register here: [https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2T6au8xzRgiefZPwnkECnA](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2T6au8xzRgiefZPwnkECnA)



# The Oxford Pre-Modern Middle Eastern History Seminar

TUESDAYS, WEEKS 1-8, HILARY TERM, 2021, 5.30-6.30pm [via ZOOM](#)

Convened by Edmund Herzig, Aslı Niyazioğlu, and Christian Sahner

Tues 19 January, 2020 (Week 1)

## **The Beginnings of Islam**

*Lena Salaymeh* (Oxford)

Respondent: Khaled Abou El Fadl (UCLA)

Tues 26 January, 2020 (Week 2)

## **Before Sufism: Early Islamic Renunciant Piety**

*Christopher Melchert* (Oxford)

Respondent: Michael Cooperson (UCLA)

Tues 2 February, 2020 (Week 3)

## **Explorations into the Origins of Islam: Religious and Philosophical Worldviews of the Quranic *Mushrikūn***

*Ahab Bdaiwi* (Leiden/Cambridge)

Respondent: Nicolai Sinai (Oxford)

Tues 9 February, 2020 (Week 4)

## **Beyond the Mystical: how Hafiz's poetry can help historians read post-Mongol Iran**

*Dominic Brookshaw* (Oxford)

Respondent: Paul Losensky (Indiana)

Tues 16 February, 2020 (Week 5)

## **Redeeming Books: Christian-Muslim Relations through the Colophons of Medieval Armenian Manuscripts**

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Respondent: Heghnar Watenpaugh (UC Davis)

Tues 23 February, 2020 (Week 6)

## **Ottoman Historiography and Topographical Illustration in Manuscripts attributed to Matrakçı Nasuh**

*Zeynep Yürekli* (Oxford)

Respondent: Serpil Bağcı (Hacettepe)

Tues 2 March, 2020 (Week 7)

## **The Language of Politics in Wā'iz Kāshifī's *Futuwwatnāma-i sulṭānī***

*Negin Yavari* (Columbia/Oxford)

Respondent: Alan Strathern (Oxford)

Tues 9 March, 2020 (Week 8)

## **Tribes, bandits, & minstrels: A shared popular culture as a response to Ottoman and Safavid power**

*Ali Aydın Karamustafa* (Oxford)

Respondent: Edmund Herzig (Oxford)

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## Seminars

*Wednesdays*

### Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

Convened by **M. Jankowiak & M. Lauxtermann**  
Wednesdays at 5 PM.

Google Meet: [meet.google.com/dqa-ytsv-okk](https://meet.google.com/dqa-ytsv-okk)

Etiquette:

You will need a gmail account to join.

Talks will be c. 40 minutes long, followed by half an hour of discussion.

Please join the seminar promptly.

Please remember to mute your microphone during the talk, but ideally leave your camera on, and please use it when asking questions.

We recommend the Sidebar layout for the talk and the Tiled layout for the discussion (you can change them by pressing on three dots in the bottom right corner of the screen).

In order to ask a question raise your physical or electronic hand, or post your question in the chat.

All welcome!

Marek Jankowiak ([marek.jankowiak@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:marek.jankowiak@history.ox.ac.uk)), Marc Lauxtermann ([marc.lauxtermann@exeter.ox.ac.uk](mailto:marc.lauxtermann@exeter.ox.ac.uk))

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| (W1) 20 January  | <b>Marek Jankowiak</b> (Oxford) 'P.Lond I 113.10, the tribute of Cyrus, and the Muslim conquest of Egypt'   |
| (W2) 27 January  | <b>Nadine Viermann</b> (Heidelberg) 'Imperial Piety, Warfare and Eschatology in the Age of Heraclius'   |
| (W3) 3 February  | <b>Jonathan Shea</b> (Dumbarton Oaks), title tbc  |
| (W4) 10 February | <b>Paweł Nowakowski</b> (Warsaw) 'Why "Galata"? New epigraphic evidence on the toponomastics of a suburb of Constantinople'                       |
| (W5) 17 February | <b>Dirk Krausmüller</b> (Vienna) 'Fasting in eleventh-century Byzantium: a crisis of authority'   |
| (W6) 25 February | <b>Rei Hakamada</b> (Okayama/Oxford) 'Deification for all: Rethinking the role of Palamas in the history of Hesychasm'                            |
| (W7) 3 March     | <b>Warren Treadgold</b> (St. Louis) 'George Pachymeres and the decline of the restored Byzantine empire'  |
| (W8) 10 March    | <b>Kristoffel Demoen, Floris Bernard</b> (Ghent) 'Collected from all kinds of places: Building and exploring a corpus of Byzantine book epigrams' |

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## Seminars

*Thursdays*

### Late Roman Seminar

Convened by **M. Gassman & C. Leyser**  
Thursdays at 4 PM.

Seminar site: <https://bit.ly/39pUKPO>

[<https://teams.microsoft.com/l/team/19%3a51bb501c36f14b4c9f2c0bd9f152f605%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=f4c0f545-f21d-4e58-af42-c2ed0e91355b&tenantId=cc95de1b-97f5-4f93-b4ba-fe68b852cf91>]

Papers are posted here in advance of the meetings. Speakers briefly introduce what they have circulated, and then we move to discussion.

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| (W1) 21 January  | <b>Richard Flower</b> (Exeter) 'I cut its neck with its own sword': Tradition, Subversion and Heresiological Authority in the Praedestinatus' |
| (W2) 28 January  | <b>Mattias Gassman</b> 'Salvian, "Quodvultdeus", and the Cult of Caelestis in Roman and Vandalic Carthage (respondent: David Lambert)'        |
| (W3) 4 February  | <b>Catherine Conybeare</b> (Bryn Mawr) 'Augustine and Wittgenstein: the Inner Dialogue Continued'   |
| (W4) 11 February | <b>Victoria Leonard</b> (Coventry) 'In Defiance of History: Orosius and the Unimproved Past'  |
| (W5) 18 February | <b>Adrastos Omissi</b> (Glasgow) 'Late Roman Italy in Latin Panegyric: From the Panegyrici Latini to Ennodius (289-507)'                      |
| (W6) 25 February | <b>Michele R. Salzman</b> (UC Riverside) 'The Reconstruction of Rome after the Gothic War: The Pragmatic Sanction'                            |
| (W7) 4 March     | <b>John Weisweiler</b> (Cambridge) 'Symmachus' Correspondence and the Formation of a Trans-Regional Elite in the Later Roman State'           |
| (W8) 11 March    | <b>Kate Cooper</b> (Royal Holloway) 'Augustine the Unreliable Narrator'   |

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## Resources

### Manar al-Athar open-access photo archive

The Manar al-Athar photo-archive, based at the University of Oxford, provides high resolution, searchable images for teaching, research, publication, and heritage work. These images of archaeological sites, buildings and artworks, cover the areas of the former Roman Empire which later came under Islamic rule (such as Syro-Palestine/the Levant, Egypt and North Africa), and adjoining regions, such as Armenia and Georgia. The chronological range is from Alexander the Great (i.e., from about 300 BC) through the Islamic period.

The photo-archive is open-access so that it can be freely used by anyone anywhere in the world. Photographs can be freely downloaded as original high resolution images (tif images) without water marks, making them immediately available in a format suitable for publication or research, simply by acknowledging the source.

Current strengths include Late Antiquity (AD 250–750), the period of transition from paganism to Christianity and, in turn, to Islam, especially religious buildings (temples, churches, synagogues, mosques) and monumental art (including floor mosaics), early Islamic art (paintings, mosaics, relief sculpture), as well as Roman and early Islamic (Umayyad) architecture, and iconoclasm.

Manar al-Athar is Arabic for “Guide to Archaeology” and has been chosen because Manara, in Egypt, refers to both the Lighthouse of Alexandria (the Pharos) and to minarets. This conveys the transition, and often continuity, covered by the chronological range of the material.

The Manar al-Athar photo-archive is in continuous development.

<http://www.manar-al-athar.ox.ac.uk>

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<http://www.manar-al-athar.ox.ac.uk/index.html>

### **‘The Last Statues of Antiquity’ database**



‘The Last Statues of Antiquity’ database is from 4 May 2012 accessible to all and fully searchable, with over 2600 individual entries. The database consists of the published evidence for statuary and inscribed statue bases set up after AD 284, that were new, newly dedicated, or newly re-worked. This database was completed and made public in May 2012 (with only some minor revisions thereafter).

<http://laststatues.classics.ox.ac.uk/>

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## Resources

### 'The Cult of Saints' database



The project maps the cult of saints as a system of beliefs and practices in its earliest and most fluid form, from its origins until around AD 700 (by which date most cult practices were firmly established): the evolution from honouring the memory of martyrs, to their veneration as intercessors and miracle-workers; the different ways that saints were honoured and their help solicited; the devotion for relics, sacred sites and images; the miracles expected from the saints.

Central to the project is a searchable database, on which all the evidence for the cult of saints will be collected, presented (in its original languages and English translation), and succinctly discussed, whether in Armenian, Coptic, Georgian, Greek, Latin or Syriac.

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## Resources

### EAMENA

Welcome to the Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East & North Africa (EAMENA) Database

Please visit us at our new location to access EAMENA v2:

[EAMENA v2 Database](#)

Supported by Arcadia Fund and based at the Universities of Oxford, Leicester, and Durham, the EAMENA Database brings together data from satellite imagery, photographic archives, and published reports to present information about archaeological sites and landscapes that are under threat. Using Arches, an open-source platform designed by the Getty Conservation Institute and World Monuments Fund, this resource is available online to researchers and heritage professionals across the MENA region, Europe, and beyond.

If you would like to gain user-level access to the database, please register:

[Register for Full Access](#)

Please allow us time to process your registration request.

Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa  
الأثار المهددة في الشرق الأوسط و شمال إفريقيا

## Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa

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Supported by the Arcadia Fund and the Cultural Protection Fund and based at the Universities of Oxford, Leicester, and Durham EAMENA was established in January 2015 to respond to the increasing threats to archaeological sites in the Middle East and North Africa. This project uses satellite imagery to rapidly record and make available information about archaeological sites and landscapes which are under threat.

EAMENA's spatial database will provide the fundamental information for each site, including the level of risk and how each site relates to one another. It will be accessible to all heritage professionals and institutions with an interest and passion for the wonderfully rich and diverse archaeological heritage of the Middle East and North Africa. Not all damage and threats to the archaeology can be prevented, but they can be mitigated and so at the core of our project is the desire for excellence in heritage management. To this end, EAMENA works with relevant authorities on the ground to limit likely damage, share information and skills, strengthen networks and raise awareness. Fieldwork and outreach are essential components of the project and the EAMENA team will target investigations to the most threatened sites, visiting (where possible) to assess site conditions, make detailed records and liaise with national authorities to share data and findings.

<http://eamena.arch.ox.ac.uk/>



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## Schedule

### Hilary Term 2020-2021

- The OCLA publication celebration
- Classical Archaeology Seminar - Ancient Material Religion | Convened by C. Potts & I. Jacobs | Mondays at 5 PM
- Medieval History Seminar | Convened by I. Forrest, J. Smith, & B. Thompson | Mondays at 5 PM
- Seminar On Jewish History And Literature In The Graeco-Roman Period | Convened by M. Goodman & A. Salvesen | Tuesdays at 2 PM
- The Oxford Pre-Modern Middle Eastern History Seminar| Convened by Marek Jankowiak & Marc Lauxtermann | Wednesdays at 5.30 PM
- Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar | Convened by Marek Jankowiak & Marc Lauxtermann | Wednesdays at 5 PM
- Late Roman Seminar | Convened by Mattias Gassman & Conrad Leyser | Mondays at 4 PM

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18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17:00 Jessica Hughes (The Open University) 'What is (Ancient) Material Religion? A Perspective from The'</li> <li>17:00 Patrick Geary (emeritus, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton) 'The Challenges and Dangers of'</li> </ul>	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14:00 Dr Daniel Weiss (Cambridge) 'Jesus-followers and non-minim in early rabbinic literature'</li> <li>17:30 Lena Salaymeh (Oxford) 'The Beginnings of Islam'</li> </ul>	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17:00 Marek Jankowiak (Oxford) 'P.Lond I 113.10, the tribute of Cyrus, and the Muslim conquest of Egypt'</li> </ul>	21 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16:00 Richard Flower (Exeter) 'I cut its neck with its own sword': Tradition, Subversion and Heresiological Authority in the Praedestinatus'</li> </ul>	22	23	24
25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17:00 Jaś Elsner (University of Oxford) 'Rome, India, China: Religion, Comparison and Meaning in the Ma-</li> <li>17:00 Sara McDougall (City University of New York) 'Judging Sex in Late Medieval France'</li> </ul>	26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14:00 Dr Jeremiah Coogan (Keele) 'Matthew, Jewish Christian Gospels, and the Parting of the Ways'</li> <li>17:30 Christopher Melchert (Oxford) 'Before Sufism: Early Islamic Renunciant Piety'</li> </ul>	27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17:00 Nadine Viermann (Heidelberg) 'Imperial Piety, Warfare and Eschatology in the Age of Heraclius'</li> </ul>	28 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16:00 Mattias Gassman 'Salvian, "Quodvultdeus", and the Cult of Caelestis in Roman andVandalic Carthage (respondent: David Lambert)'</li> </ul>	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17:00 The OCLA publication celebration</li> </ul>	30	31



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1 17:00 Hugh Jeffery (University of Oxford) 'The House of Kybele: Heirloom Artefacts and Domestic Ritual in Seventh-Century 17:00 Ruth Mostern (University of Pittsburgh) 'Settler Colonialism, Shatterzones of State Power, and the Exploitation of Cheap Nature in Song Era'	2 14:00 Professor Ahuvia Kahane (Trinity College Dublin) 'The piety of transgression: biblical injunctions and religious practice in Palmyra, Dura-Europos and 17:30 Ahab Bidalwi (Leiden/Cambridge) 'Explorations into the Origins of Islam: Religious and Philosophical Worldviews'	3 17:00 Jonathan Shea (Dumbarton Oaks), title tbc	4 16:00 Catherine Conybeare (Bryn Mawr) 'Augustine and Wittgenstein: the Inner Dialogue Continued'	5	6	7
8 17:00 Milena Melfi & Thomas Mannack (University of Oxford) 'The Athenians in Thrace and the diffusion of the cult of Asklepios in the Thasian 17:00 Alex Vukovich (St Edmund Hall) 'Euphrosyne of Polotsk: Princess of Rus, Traveller to the Holy Land, and the National Saint of'	9 14:00 Dr Katharina Keim (Lund) 'Biblical women in late midrash' 17:30 Dominic Brookshaw (Oxford) 'Beyond the Mystical: how Hafiz's poetry can help historians read post-Mongol Iran'	10 17:00 Paweł Nowakowski (Warsaw) 'Why "Galata"? New epigraphic evidence on the toponymastics of a suburb of Constantinople'	11 16:00 Victoria Leonard (Coventry) 'In Defiance of History: Orosius and the Unimproved Past'	12	13	14
15 17:00 Emma-Jane Graham (The Open University) 'Cult Instruments and the Haptic Production of Religious Knowledge in Roman Ritual' 17:00 Yusen Yu (Corpus Christi, Oxford) 'Gold on the move in medieval Afro-Eurasia'	16 14:00 Dr James Aitken [LXX Forum: Grinfield Lecture] 'The Septuagint, editing, and textual production in ancient Judaism' 17:30 David Zakarian (Oxford) 'Redeeming Books: Christian-Muslim Relations through the Colophons of Medieval Armenian Manuscripts'	17 17:00 Dirk Krausmüller (Vienna) 'Fasting in eleventh-century Byzantium: a crisis of authority'	18 16:00 Adrastus Omissi (Glasgow) 'Late Roman Italy in Latin Panegyric: From the Panegyrici Latini to Ennodius (289-507)'	19	20	21
22 17:00 Dominic Dalglish (University of Oxford) 'Jupiter [Optimus Maximus] Heliopolitanus and the Temple Complex at Heliopolis' 17:00 Marek Jankowiak (Corpus Christi, Oxford) 'What if our chronological framework is wrong? Misdated popes, the mission to Northumbria, and a'	23 14:00 Professor Hindy Najman (Oriental Studies) 'Articulating the scriptural in the Book of Jubilees' 17:30 Zeynep Yürekli (Oxford) 'Ottoman Historiography and Topographical Illustration in Manuscripts attributed to Matrakçı Nasuh'	24 17:00 Rei Hakamada (Okayama/Oxford) 'Deification for all: Rethinking the role of Palamas in the history of Hesychasm'	25 16:00 Michele R. Salzman (UC Riverside) 'The Reconstruction of Rome after the Gothic War: The Pragmatic Sanction'	26	27	28

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1 17:00 Rachel Wood (University of Oxford) 'Tello from the Other Side: Reappraising a Hellenistic' 17:00 Henry Tann (Balliol) 'Measure endures': Merchants in late medieval Italy and the virtue of'	2 14:00 Dr Oliver Norris (Oriental Studies) [LXX Forum] 'The significance of the Old Latin Psalter for 17:30 Nequín Yavari (Columbia/Oxford) 'The Language of Politics in Wā'iz Kāshif's Futuwwat'	3 17:00 Warren Treadgold (St. Louis) 'George Pachymeres and the decline of the restored Byzantine empire'	4 16:00 John Weisweiler (Cambridge) 'Symmachus' Correspondence and the Formation of a Trans-Regional Elite in the Later Roman State'	5	6	7
8 17:00 Ian Haynes (Newcastle University) 'Rethinking Cult and Materiality: The Case of Liber Pater at 17:00 Maryanne Kowaleski (Fordham University, New York) 'Seamen and The Realm: Were Medieval Ma-	9 14:00 Professor Martin Goodman (Wolfson) 'Herod and the Temple in Jerusalem' 17:30 Ali Aydın Karamestafa (Oxford) 'Tribes, bandits, & minstrels: A shared popular culture as a'	10 17:00 Kristoffel Demeo, Floris Bernard (Ghent) 'Collected from all kinds of places: Building and exploring a corpus of Byzantine book epigrams'	11 16:00 John Weisweiler (Cambridge) 'Symmachus' Correspondence and the Formation of a Trans-Regional Elite in the Later Roman State'	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 16:00 Kate Cooper (Royal Holloway) 'Augustine the Unreliable Narrator'	19	20	21
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