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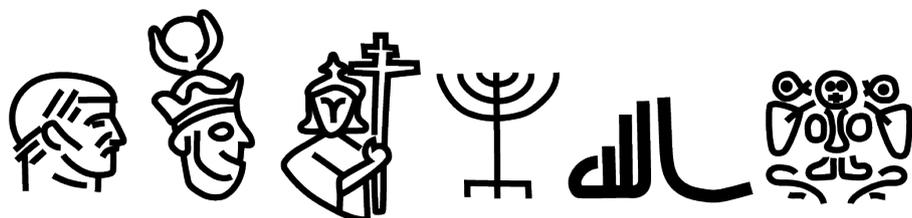
Listed here are the lectures, seminars and events on  
Late Antiquity  
in Oxford

Trinity term  
(April - June)  
2020

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

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

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Latest addition to the **Manar al-Athar** open access photo archive - 2000 new photographs of the Jordanian 'desert castles' now online!

Qasr al-Kharana - entrance - facing northwest  
يبرغلا لامشلا هاجتاب - لخدملا - قنأرخلا رصق  
(Miranda Williams/Manar al-Athar)

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



## Preface

Dear all,

Much has changed since we last sent out this booklet, and Hilary Term seems an age ago. The list of relevant events for members of OCLA in Trinity Term, which can be found below, is much reduced in current circumstances, and some relevant conferences and seminars (including the successor to the long-standing 'After Rome' series) will be reorganised once we are all able to gather again in person and to welcome guests. But in the meantime, we should all be very grateful to those convenors and speakers who have pressed ahead with virtual seminars, giving us a small taste of normality and an opportunity to see each other and to discuss on a regular basis. Details concerning how to access those seminars are included below.

Online resources are now more important than ever, and I would like to remind members that we have a new, much-improved website (<https://ocla.web.ox.ac.uk/>), where one can also access this booklet, read about the work of the Centre and its academics, and find opportunities for funding of events.

As always, we are all grateful to **Vendi Jukić Buča** for her excellent work in bringing this booklet together. If anyone wishes to add an event or seminar to the booklet or website, please contact Vendi at [ocla@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:ocla@history.ox.ac.uk).

Stay safe and well, and I look forward to the time when we can all meet again.

**Phil Booth**



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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, April 2020.



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## Seminars

*Tuesdays*

### Seminar on Jewish history and literature in the Graeco-Roman Period

Convened by **Professor Martin Goodman**

Tuesdays from 2.15 to 3.45 PM (weeks 2-6).

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

- (W2) 5 May            **Joel Korytko** (St. Anne's) [LXX Forum] 'The "Law of the Land" in the land of the Lagides: the Old Greek Covenant Code and Graeco-Egyptian law'
- (W3) 12 May           **Adele Reinhartz** (Ottawa) 'The "Parting of the Ways" and the (a)symmetry of early Jewish-Christian relations'
- (W4) 19 May           **Katharina Keim** (Lund) 'Biblical women in late midrash: evidence of a narrowing androcentrism'
- (W5) 26 May           **Benjamin Williams** (Oriental Studies) 'What did the Rabbis know about grammar? Exegesis and grammatical gender in late antiquity'
- (W6) 2 June           **Katia Matusova** (Tubingen) [LXX Forum] 'The making of the theme of immortality in the Wisdom of Solomon'

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## Seminars

*Wednesdays*

### Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

Convened by **Marek Jankowiak** and **Marc Lauxtermann**

Wednesdays at 5 PM (BST) on Teams – link [here](#)

- (W2) 6 May            **Aslıhan Akışık** (Wolfson) ‘Mehmed II’s Patria, Byzas’ Palace, and Ottoman Hellenism in the Fifteenth Century’
- (W3) 13 May          **Pamela Armstrong** (Oxford) ‘The Transmission of Monumental Art: Travelling Saints and Monastic Networks’
- (W4) 20 May          **Alessandra Bucossi** (Venice), title tbc
- (W5) 27 May          **Yannis Stouraitis** (Edinburgh) ‘Representations of Romanness in Byzantine Civil Wars’
- (W6) 10 June          **Andras Nemeth** (Vatican) ‘The Excerpta Constantiniana: Revisiting Constantine VII’s Cultural Enterprise.’

#### Etiquette:

- Talks will be 30-40 minutes long, followed by discussions without a precise time limit.
- Participants are asked to read pre-circulated material linked in the notices of meetings in Teams.
- Please join the seminar promptly.
- Please remember to mute your microphone and turn off the camera during the talk.
- Questions can either be posted on the chat or sent directly to the chair.

Conveners: Marek Jankowiak ([marek.jankowiak@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:marek.jankowiak@history.ox.ac.uk))

and Marc Lauxtermann ([marc.lauxtermann@exeter.ox.ac.uk](mailto:marc.lauxtermann@exeter.ox.ac.uk))

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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.

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

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### **‘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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### '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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<http://cultofsaints.history.ox.ac.uk>

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### 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:

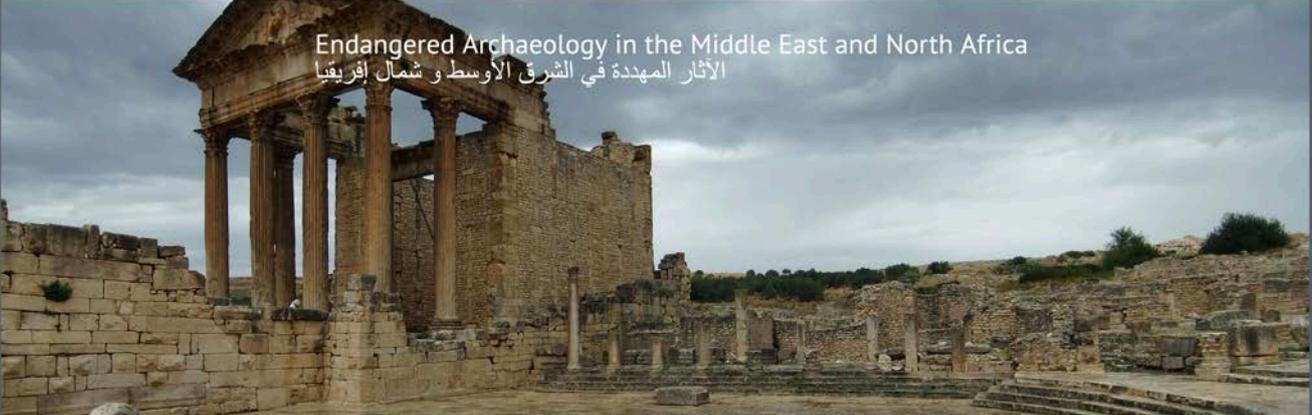
[EAMENA v2 Database](#)

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

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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

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## April 2020

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