Listed here are the lectures and seminars on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford between October and December 2009.

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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)
SPECIAL LECTURE

Seth Schwartz
(Columbia University):

‘Were the Rabbis Roman?’

Wednesday 21 October 2009 at 5pm

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

(Prof. Schwartz is also giving a paper at 2.30pm on Tuesday 20 October, entitled ‘How many Judaisms in Antiquity?’, to the seminar on ‘Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period’ held in the Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane.)
Eberhard Sauer (Edinburgh University) and Hamid Omrani Rekavandi (ICHHTO, Gorgan): ‘Sasanian Frontier Walls and Fortresses in northern Persia: Results of the joint Iranian and British Project (2005–2009)’

Late Roman seminar
Conveners: Neil McLynn (Corpus) and Bryan Ward-Perkins (Trinity)

Thursdays, 5pm, the Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College.

15 October (Week 1)
Sam Moorhead (British Museum)
Rural prosperity, ritual activity or imperial exploitation – the humble Valentinianic nummus in late Roman Britain

22 October (Week 2)
Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe (King’s College London):
The early Christian diabolical imagination

29 October (Week 3)
Claire Sotinel (Paris 12):
The walls of Rome and the christianization of the City

5 November (Week 4)
Kate Cooper (Manchester), Conrad Leyser (Oxford) and Neil McLynn (Oxford):
Damnosa hereditas: Augustine and the problem of church property

12 November (Week 5)
Caroline Humfress (Birkbeck)
What’s the name of the game? Law, ‘Church’ and ‘State’ in the later Roman empire

19 November (Week 6)
Matthew Canepa (College of Charleston)
Theorizing cross-cultural interaction among the late-antique and early medieval Mediterranean, Near East and Central Asia

26 November (Week 7)
OCLA Special Lecture:
Eberhard Sauer (Edinburgh University) & Hamid Omrani Rekavandi (ICHHTO, Gorgan): Sasanian frontier walls and fortresses in northern Persia: Results of the joint Iranian and British project (2005–2009)

3 December (Week 8)
Simon Loseby (Sheffield)
The transfer of the Gallic prefecture from Trier to Arles and the fall of the western Empire
Late Antique and Byzantine Studies Seminar
Convener: Prof. M. D. Lauxtermann

Michaelmas Term, Wednesdays 5 pm
Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies

14 October (Week 1)
Prof. Judith Herrin (King’s College London):
The future of Byzantine studies: a discussion

21 October (Week 2) (jointly with the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity)
Prof. Seth Schwartz (Columbia):
Were the Rabbis Roman?

28 October (Week 3)
Dr Philip Wood (Oxford)
The Syriac Julian Romance: cultural independence on the late antique frontier

4 November (Week 4)
Prof. Elizabeth Jeffreys (Oxford):
The afterlife of Digenis

11 November (Week 5)
Dr Tara Andrews (Oxford):
‘Under the aegis of the Roman emperor’: Byzantium and the Armenians according to Matthew of Edessa

18 November (Week 6)
Dr Marlia Mango (Oxford):
The Levant in late antiquity: the case of the excavated ‘urban’ village of Androna

25 November (Week 7)
Dr Jeffrey Featherstone (CNRS, Paris):
Theophanes Continuatus: a history for the palace

2 December (Week 8)
Dr Lukas Schachner and others (Oxford):
Field reports from summer vacations

Byzantine Art and Archaeology
Convener: Georgi Parpulov and Lukas Amadeus Schachner

Thursdays at 12 noon, Weeks 2–8, in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, First Floor Seminar Room

22 October (Week 2)
Milena Grabacic (Exeter College):
Archaeology of an Image: The Fortunes of a Thirteenth-century Icon of the Apostles Peter and Paul

29 October (Week 3) CANCELLED
Dr Peter Baumleister (German Archaeological Institute, Athens):
New aspects of the development of Osrhoene in Late Antiquity

5 November (Week 4)
Sophie Moore (Merton College):
Life and Death in Middle Byzantium: The Case of Southern Anatolia, a Chemical and Cosmological Appraisal

12 November (Week 5)
Dianne van de Zande (Leiden University):
Domestic Architecture and Social Organisation of the Dehes Settlement, Northern Syria

19 November (Week 6)
Natalija Ristovska (Exeter College):
Byzantine Treasures in the Land of Darkness: Finds of Medieval Silver Vessels in the Urals Region

26 November (Week 7)
Yaman Delanay (Exeter College):
Late Byzantine and Early Turkish Ephesus (13th–16th Centuries)

3 December (Week 8)
Dr Nadine Schibille (Oxford/RLAHA):
Byzantine Glass Mosaics: Some Material and Aesthetic Considerations
Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period

‘Toleration of Variety within Judaism in Late Antiquity’

Convener: Martin Goodman

Tuesdays at 2.30 pm in the Oriental Institute

13 October (Week 1)
Charlotte Hempel (Birmingham)
Toleration of variety within Judaism: the case of texts, from Bible to Serekh

20 October (Week 2)
Seth Schwartz (Columbia):
How many Judaisms in antiquity?

27 October (Week 3)
Hywel Clifford (Ripon College Cuddesdon):
Hellenistic Jewish ‘Monotheism(s)’: the contribution of Early Greek Philosophy

3 November (Week 4)
James Kugel (Harvard):
The Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs

10 November (Week 5)
Nicholas de Lange (Cambridge):
From eros to pneuma: the Greek translation of the Song of Songs

17 November (Week 6)
Guy Stroumsa (Lady Margaret Hall):
Tertullian and the Mishnah

24 November (Week 7)
Birgit van der Lans (Groningen):
Tolerance among Jews in first-century Rome: the impact of state interference

1 December (Week 8)
Philip Alexander (Manchester):
Did the Rabbis win the East? Unity and Diversity in Babylonian Judaism in the Talmudic Era

Corpus Christi Classical Seminar: Law in Roman Culture

Convener: Tobias Reinhardt

Wednesdays at 5.00pm in the Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College

The following two papers are by speakers who have published on later Roman law. For the full programme of the seminar
http://www.ccc.ox.ac.uk/p/Seminars/

18 November (Week 6)
Clifford Ando (Chicago):
Language and fiction in Roman law

25 November (Week 7):
Danielle van Mal-Maeder (Lausanne):
Between reality and fiction: Law in declamations and the ancient novel

Lecture

Joachim Quack (University of Heidelberg)

‘The Book of the Temple’

Thursday 29 October at 5pm
University College, 90 High Street Lecture Room.

[A lecture on an important text, known from almost fifty fragmentary manuscripts (some in demotic, some in Greek), on the ideal temple and how it should be run.]
Medieval Archaeology Seminar

Conveners: Helena Hamerow and Lesley Abrams

Michaelmas Term, 2009: Mondays of Weeks 2, 4, 6, and 8 at 3pm in the Institute of Archaeology Lecture Room

19 October 2009 (Week 2)
Andrew Reynolds:
From Cemetery to Meeting Place: The emergence of a supra-local community in Anglo-Saxon Kent

2 November 2009 (Week 4)
Gareth Williams:
Boundaries and identities: reassessing the ‘Kingdom of York’ and the ‘Five Boroughs’ in the light of numismatic evidence

16 November 2009 (Week 6)
Steinunn Kristjánsdóttir:
Memories of Landscape. Monastic and Post-monastic graves at Skriðuklaustur, Eastern Iceland

30 November 2009 (Week 8)
Stephen Sherlock:
A Royal Anglo-Saxon Cemetery at Street House, North East Yorkshire

Late Antique and Byzantine 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/Byzantium. Members of the group agree what they want to discuss from the whole field of Late Antique and Byzantine Studies.

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