

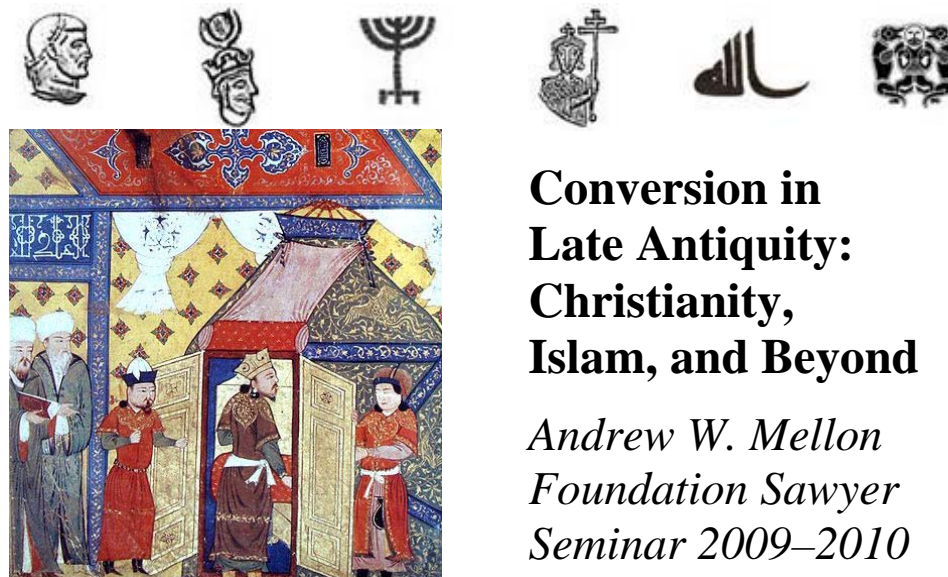
Listed here are the lectures and seminars on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford between October and December 2009.

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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)



Conversion in Late Antiquity: Christianity, Islam, and Beyond

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar 2009–2010

Introductory Colloquium

To be held in the MBI al Jaber Auditorium, Corpus Christi College, on **Friday 9 October 2009**

- 2.00 pm Arietta Papaconstantinou: Opening remarks
2.15 pm **Averil Cameron** (Oxford University):
Late antiquity: A Matter of Size and Shape
CHAIR: Jessica Ehinger (Mellon Scholar)
- 3.15 pm Tea/coffee break
3.45 pm **Walter Scheidel** (Stanford University):
State Formation and Belief Systems in Eastern and Western Eurasia
CHAIR: Daniel Schwartz (Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow)
- 4.45 pm **Vesna Wallace** (Oxford University):
Religious Conversions of the Mongols: Past and Present
CHAIR: Konstantin Klein (Mellon Scholar)
- 5.45 pm Neil McLynn: Closing remarks
6.00 pm Drinks Reception

The colloquium is free, but those wishing to attend should register with Dan Schwartz <daniel.schwartz@orinst.ox.ac.uk>

Forthcoming colloquia in this series

- 16 January 2010 *Converting States*
24 April 2010 *Converting Environments*
2 July 2010 *Converting Identities*
3 July 2010 *Workshop organized by the Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow*



(With the Seminar for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies)



Dura Europos synagogue: the prophet Esra

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.)



Beyond the End of Sacrifice



*Afternoon
Colloquium*

*Saturday
7 November 2009*

**Sutro Room, Trinity
College, Oxford**

- 2.00 pm **Jörg Rüpke** (University of Erfurt):
*Starting sacrifice in the beyond:
Roman innovations in Jewish texts*
RESPONSE: John North (University College London)
- 3.20 pm TEA/COFFEE BREAK
- 3.40 pm **Kateryna Kovalchuk** (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven):
*Christianized Animal Sacrifice in Late Antiquity
and the Middle Ages*
RESPONSE: Simon Price (Oxford)
- 5.00 pm **Gerald Hawting** (SOAS, London):
The persistence of sacrifice: the case of Islam
RESPONSE: Arietta Papaconstantinou (Oxford)
- 6.20 pm DRINKS RECEPTION

The colloquium is free, but those wishing to attend should register with
Neil McLynn <neil.mclynn@classics.ox.ac.uk>.

The colloquium is organized by Neil McLynn with the support of Paul Pheby



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)'*

**SPECIAL
LECTURE**

(with the 'Late
Roman' Seminar)



Thursday 26 November 2009 at 5pm
in the Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College, Oxford

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-Rockcliffe (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 medie-
val Mediterranean, Near East and Central Asia*

26 November (Week 7)

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3 December (Week 8)

Simon Loseby (Sheffield)

*The transfer of the Gallic prefecture from Trier to Arles and the fall of the west-
ern 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

Conveners: 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 Baumeister** (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 Kouroumali.<maria.kouroumali@wolfson.ox.ac.uk>