

Listed here are the lectures and seminars on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford between October and December 2010.

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OXFORD CENTRE for LATE ANTIQUITY



SPECIAL LECTURE

(with the Seminar for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies)

Jean-Pierre Sodini

(Paris I – Sorbonne):

“New Results from Excavations at Qal’at Sem’an (1999–2010)”



Qal’at Sem’an, the great church from the air

Wednesday 13 October 2010 at 5pm

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

Professor Sodini will also talk at the Late Roman Seminar on 14 October: see below

These events are funded through the generosity of Lewis Chester



SPECIAL LECTURE

Leslie Webster

(British Museum):

*“The Staffordshire Hoard:
Wealth, Art and Power in the Seventh Century”*



Friday 29 October 2010 at 5pm

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



Carnival and Cult from Caesar to Chrysostom



Afternoon colloquium: Saturday 13 November 2010

Linbury Room, Worcester College

- 2.00 pm **John North** (UCL): *Carnivals and Festivals in Republican Rome*
RESPONSE: **Peter Wiseman** (Exeter)
- 3.30 pm Tea/coffee
- 4.00 pm **Richard Lim** (Smith College): *Social Knowledge, Elite Rationality and the Making of Late Roman Festivals*
RESPONSE: **Bella Sandwell** (Bristol)
- 5.30 pm **Charles Ramble** (Oxford): *South Asian Perspectives: Concluding Discussion*
- 6.00 pm Drinks reception

The colloquium is free, but since space is limited you are asked to email **Neil McLynn** <neil.mclynn@classics.ox.ac.uk> to register.

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

St Catherine's Monastery at Mount Sinai Its Manuscripts and their Conservation

STUDY DAY IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR IHOR ŠEVČENKO

Saturday 27 November 2010

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

This meeting, held in memory of the late Professor Ihor Ševčenko of Harvard University, is intended to focus attention within the scholarly community on the conservation work currently being carried out on the important collection of ancient and medieval manuscripts housed in the library of St. Catherine's Monastery at Mount Sinai. This conservation work is organized and funded by the St. Catherine's Foundation. The lectures listed below are being given, many by colleagues at Oxford, to commemorate the contribution made to the study of the Sinai monastery by Ihor Ševčenko. He was a member of the St Catherine's Foundation, as well as past Visiting Fellow of both All Souls and Wolfson Colleges, Oxford and member of the Editorial Board of Oxford Studies in Byzantium. A memorial fund in his name will be announced for the conservation of Sinai's early Slavonic manuscripts in which he was particularly interested.

- 10:00 **Prof. Dr Peter Grossmann** (Cairo): *The Sinai monastery that Justinian built*
- 10:40 **Prof. Cyril Mango** (Oxford): *Ihor Ševčenko and the Sinai Monastery*
- 11:00 *Coffee*
- 11:30 **Prof. Nicholas Pickwoad** (London): *The Programme of MS Conservation at Sinai*
- 12:00 **Dr Lukas Schachner** (Oxford): *Book & other Production in Early Byzantine Monasteries*
- 12:30 *Lunch break*
- 2:00 **Nigel Wilson** (Oxford): *Byzantine Libraries*
- 2:30 **Dr Nancy Ševčenko** (Vermont): *MSS copied at Sinai*
- 3:00 **Dr Georgi Parpulov** (Oxford): *Greek and Latin MSS at Sinai*
- 3:30 *Tea*
- 4:00 **Dr Sebastian Brock** (Oxford): *Syriac, Ethiopic and Arabic MSS at Sinai*
- 4:30 **Prof. Robert Thomson** (Oxford): *Georgian, Caucasian Albanian & Armenian MSS at Sinai*
- 5:00 **Dr C. M. MacRobert** (Oxford): *Slavonic MSS at Sinai*
- 5:30 **Dimitris Dondos** (Chairman, Board of Trustees): *The Ihor Ševčenko Memorial Fund*
- 6:00 *St Giles House, St John's College: Reception*

Study Day supported by St. Catherine's Foundation, Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research, and Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity. The study day is free and open to all but **please register** by contacting marlia.mango@arch.ox.ac.uk

Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

Wednesdays at 5 pm

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

13 October (Week 1)

Professor Jean-Pierre Sodini (Paris I – Sorbonne):

New results from excavations at Qal'at Sem'an (1999–2010)

[jointly with the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity: see above]

20 October (Week 2)

Dr Jaś Elsner (Oxford):

Icon and architecture: the material articulation of the Holy in East Christian art

27 October (Week 3)

Professor Michael Jeffreys (Sydney/Oxford):

Reconstruction of a central personality of the Byzantine eleventh century without the help of narrative sources: Constantine nephew of Keroularios

3 November (Week 4)

Dr Peter Bell (Oxford):

Legitimacy: what it means, what it meant, why it mattered in sixth-century Constantinople

10 November (Week 5)

Dr Marlia Mango (Oxford):

The donkey, the camel, some olive pits and wine: recent archaeological tales from Androna in Syria

17 November (Week 6)

Dr Ida Toth and **Dr Milena Grabacic** (Oxford):

The Genoese Pallio and the silken diplomacy of Michael VIII Palaiologos

24 November (Week 7)

Dr Meredith Riedel (Oxford):

The Taktika of Leo VI and the opposition of ideologies

1 December (Week 8)

Dr Pamela Armstrong (Oxford):

Hellenization and the restoration of Orthodoxy in the Peloponnese in the tenth century

Conveners: Professor Marc Lauxtermann and Dr Mark Whittow

Byzantine Art & Archaeology

Thursdays, 12 noon–1 pm
in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies , 66 St Giles’

21 October (Week 2)

Dr David Gwynn (Royal Holloway, London):
Archaeology and Heresy: Material Culture and the ‘Arian’ Controversy

28 October (Week 3)

Dr Judith McKenzie (Archaeology):
Who Made the Mosaics in the Great Mosque in Damascus?

4 November (Week 4)

Dr Elif Keser (Wolfson)
Eighth-Century Churches of the Tur Abdin

11 November (Week 5)

Javier Martinez (Lincoln College):
The Aqueduct of Reccopolis: The First Survey Season

18 November (Week 6)

Foteini Spingou (Keble College):
Patronage and Public Image: Epigrams on Portraits of Emperor Manuel Komnenos

25 November (Week 7)

Dr Chrysi Kotsifou (Classics):
Life in a tenth-century Egyptian Monastery: Coptic Dipinti from the Monastery of John the Little in Wadi n’Natrun

December 2 (Week 8)

Dr Tassos Papacostas (Kings College, London):
The Cult of the True Cross and the Architectural Setting of Pilgrimage in Byzantine Cyprus

Conveners: Lukas A. Schachner and Georgi R. Parpulov

Late Roman seminar

Thursdays at 5pm in the Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College

14 October (Week 1)

Jean-Pierre Sodini:
The phases of the East Basilica at Xanthos
(with **Pamela Armstrong** on the pottery evidence)

21 October (Week 2)

Robert Wisniewski (Warsaw University):
Why and how relics began to perform miracles

28 October (Week 3)

David Lambert:
Salvian and the Bacaudae

4 November (Week 4):

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11 November (Week 5)

Fiona Haarer (KCL):
The Isaurian Triumph: the politics of power in the late fifth century
(change of title)

18 November (Week 6)

Richard Sharp (Oxford) and **Alan Thacker** (London):
Chromatius of Aquileia and his sermons: questions of attribution

25 November (Week 7)

Sabine Huebner (IAS/Paris):
Solidarity and Conflict – Family Life in Early Byzantine Times

2 December (Week 8)

Jenny Thompson (Oxford):
Jerome’s Children

Conveners: Neil McLynn and Bryan Ward-Perkins

Seminar in Roman History: “Priests and Seers in the Religious Cultures of the Roman World”

Tuesdays at 5pm
in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles’

12 October (Week 1)

Beate Dignas (Oxford):

Greek Priests in the Second Century AD – A Traditional Lot, a Wide Range, or a New Species?

19 October (Week 2)

Neil McLynn (Oxford):

Aelius Aristides and the Priests

26 October (Week 3)

Nicole Belayche (EPHE):

Priests as Diviners: Which Role in Mutations of Religiosities in Imperial Anatolia?

2 November (Week 4)

Kate Cooper (Manchester):

Priests and Seers in Early Christianity

9 November (Week 5)

Tessa Rajak (Reading and Oxford):

Trousers, Tassels and Temple: Priests of Imagination and Memory in Pre- and Post-70 Judaism’

16 November (Week 6)

Paraskevi Marzavou:

Priests and Priestly Role in the Isiac Cults; Models of Description and Interpretation

23 November (Week 7)

Robert Hoyland (Oxford):

Soothsayers and Divines of West Arabia before Islam

30 November (Week 8)

Almut Hinze (SOAS)

Priests and Seers in Zoroastrianism

Convener: Beate Dignas and Guy Stroumsa

Research Seminar in the Study of the Abrahamic Religions

Wednesdays at 5pm in the Oriental Institute, Lecture Room 1
Weeks 2, 4, 6 and 8

20 October (Week 2)

Professor Tariq Ramadan:

Judaism and Christianity in Islamic Consciousness (title to be confirmed)

3 November (Week 4)

Professor Christopher Rowland:

In Pursuit of The Mystery of God: apocalypticism, mysticism and the New Testament

17 November (Week 6)

Professor Charles Burnett (Warburg Institute):

Christian attitudes towards Hebrew and Arabic science and philosophy in the Middle Ages

1 December (Week 8)

Malise Ruthven:

Fundamentalist and other Obstacles to Religious Tolerance

Conveners: Adam Silverstein and Guy G. Stroumsa

Late Antique and Byzantine Reading Group

Fridays of 2nd, 4th, 6th and 8th Weeks, 5–6.30pm
in the Fraenkel Room of Corpus Christi College.

All welcome, refreshments provided.

Email <jenny.thompson@history.ac.uk> for more information.

Medieval Archaeology Seminar

Mondays at 3pm in the Institute of Archaeology Lecture Room

The following two seminars in this fortnightly series have a late antique element:

18 October (Week 2)

Gabor Thomas:

Recent excavations at Lyminge: Settlement, Community and Conversion in the Anglo-Saxon Kingdom of Kent

1 November (Week 4)

Caroline Goodson:

Imperial Villa to Monastic Village: Medieval Villamagna (Central Italy)

Conveners: Helena Hamerow and Lesley Abrams

Lecture: Towards a Better Comprehension of Mediaeval Central Asian Pottery: New Data on Typologies, Workshops and Ethnography

Dr. Pierre Siméon

(Postdoctoral Fellow, UMR-CNRS 8167 Mediaeval Islam – Paris)

Thursday 25 November at 2pm in the Khalili Research Centre Lecture Room

Convener: Luke Treadwell

Seminar: Introducing Ancient Languages

Taylor Institution Library (Hall), St Giles', Oxford

Wednesdays, 5–6.15 p.m. All welcome.

20 October

Old Norse (Dr Heather O'Donoghue)

3 November:

Old Georgian (Nikoloz Aleksidze)

10 November

Pictish (Professor Thomas Charles-Edwards)

17 November

Akkadian (Dr Stephanie Dalley)

24 November

Coptic (Professor Mark Smith)

Convener: Dr Johanneke Sytsema