Listed here are the lectures and seminars on

**Late Antiquity**

in Oxford

between September and December 2018

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http://www.ocla.ox.ac.uk/home_eve.shtml
LECTURES & EVENTS

Dr Konstantin Golev
(Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

Facing the Steppe Winds
The Cuman-Qipchaq Frontiers with Rus’ and Khwarazm compared

Tuesday, 23th October, 5pm
Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College

Followed by a drinks reception; all welcome

Convenor: Marek Jankowiak (marek.jankowiak@history.ox.ac.uk)
Please join us for a discussion to mark the publication of

The Acts of the Second Council of Nicaea (787)

Translated with notes and an introduction by Richard Price

The discussion will be led by
Phil Booth, Marek Jankowiak and Richard Price

FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 2018
Danson Room, Trinity College at 5pm
The event will close with a celebratory drink
LECTURES & EVENTS

OXFORD CENTRE FOR LATE ANTIQUITY,
MIDDLE EAST CENTRE,
& FACULTY OF ORIENTAL STUDIES

invite you to a panel discussion to mark the publication of

The discussion will be led by
Phil Booth, Julia Bray and John-Paul Ghobrial

TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2018
Investcorp Lecture Theatre, St. Anthony’s College at 5pm
The event will close with a celebratory drink
LECTURES & EVENTS

Conference on the topic of Resurrection in Patristic/Byzantine texts and iconography

on the 19th November 2018, in Rewley House, University of Oxford, room 310.

The programme

9:30 – 10:00  Dr. Liviu Barbu, University of Cambridge, The ‘resurrection’ of one’s spirit and body in the tradition of spiritual formation”

10.30 – 11.00 Elena Ene D-Vasilescu, University of Oxford, “The epektasis and the exploits of the soul in Gregory of Nyssa’s De anima et resurrectione”

10.00 – 10.30 The Right Rev. Dr. Kallistos Ware, “What really happened at the Resurrection?”

11:00 -11. 15 Break


11.45 – 12:15 Jonathan H. Young, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, “The Ascension of the Soul and the Body's Ethereal and Physical Resurrection in Origen's Contra Celsum”.

12.15 – 12:45 James Hyndman, Brookes University, University, “The archetypal idea of Resurrection”

12. 45 am - 1: 15 pm   Diana Painca, University of Oxford, title TBA

https://www.palgrave.com/gb/book/9783319989853, and Devotion to St. Anne from Byzantium to the Middle Ages (ed.), Palgrave, 2018

And also the launch of the Festschrift for the Right Rev. Kallistos Ware on his 85th anniversary, edited by E. Ene D-Vasilescu, Scholars’ Press, 2018.
Medieval Archaeology Seminar

Michaelmas Term, 2018

Mondays, 3.00 in the Institute of Archaeology Lecture Room

Wk 2 15 Oct  Duncan Sayer
Excavations at Oakington Early Anglo-Saxon cemetery: ancient DNA, enamelling and social integration

Wk 4 29 Oct  Marianne Hem Eriksson
The lives and deaths of houses in Iron and Viking Age Scandinavia

Wk 6 12 Nov  TBC

Wk 8 26 Nov  Andy Seaman
Manifestations of Empire: How New Approaches to Pollen Analysis can help us explore the End of Roman Britain

Convenors: H Hamerow / A Ten Harkel / J Kershaw
## SEMINARS Mondays

**The Crucible of Empire: The Sasanian World and its Religious Minorities**

Michaelmas Term 2018

A weekly seminar will be held on Mondays **(and two Tuesdays)** at 5pm

at Wolfson College, Linton Road

All Welcome

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**Conveners:**

Sergey Minov (History)  
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David Taylor (The Oriental Institute)  
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Yuhan S.-D. Veverina (The Oriental Institute)  
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SEMINAR ON JEWISH HISTORY AND LITERATURE IN THE GRAECO-ROMAN PERIOD

The following seminars will be held on Tuesdays, 2.15-3.45 pm, at the Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

Convenors: Professor Martin Goodman, Professor Jan Joosten and Professor Alison Salvesen

*items have special late-antique interest

Week 1, October 9:
Dr James Aitken (Cambridge)
‘Homer rewriting in Greek Sirach’ [Septuagint Forum]

Week 2, October 16:
Dr Marton Ribary (Manchester)
‘Rabbinic isolation in Roman times’

Week 3, October 23:
Professor Sarah Pearce (Southampton)
‘Cleopatra and the Jews’

Week 4, October 30:
Professor Jonathan Ben-Dov and Asaf Gayer (Haifa)
‘Prolegomena to the writings in cryptic script from Qumran’

* Week 5, November 6:
Professor Galit Hasan-Rokem (Hebrew University)
‘Alexandria in the literary memory of the rabbis’

Week 6, November 13:
Dr Max Leventhal (Cambridge)
‘Quotations of the Septuagint in Eleazar’s exegesis of the Law (Arist. 130-171) [Septuagint Forum]

* Week 7, November 20:
Professor Sir Fergus Millar (Brasenose)
‘The inscriptions of Judaea/Palaestina: where are we?’

* Week 8, November 27:
Professor Willem Smelik (UCL)
‘A new Aramaic fragment of the Toldot Yeshu’
SEMINARS Wednesdays

Roman Discussion Forum
Wednesday at 1:00 pm

Week 1, 10 OCTOBER HAS LATE-ANTIQUE FOCUS

Andrew Wilson: Water-powered marble sawing at Aphrodisias

10 October, Wednesday @ 1PM, Roman Discussion Forum, Institute of Archaeology, 36 Beaumont Street

Lecture Room, Institute of Archaeology, 36 Beaumont Street
SEMINARS Wednesdays

Late Antique and Byzantine Studies Seminar

Wednesdays, 5 pm,
The Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles’

Week 1
(10 Oct) Professor Elizabeth Jeffreys
Byzantine literature in the Slavic world: serendipity or intention?

Week 2
(17 Oct) Dr Catherine Holmes
Centres, peripheries and networks: an impossible triangle to square in Byzantium?

Week 3
(24 Oct) Professor Jaš Elsner
Looking east: Christian art outside the world of Christian hegemony

Week 4
(31 Oct) Dr James Howard-Johnston
The typology of nomad empires

Week 5
(7 Nov) Professor Marc Lauxtermann
Story-telling east and west

Week 6
(14 Nov) Dr Phil Booth
Byzantium and the Miaphysite commonwealth

Week 7
(21 Nov) Dr Ida Toth
Antiquity and identity in Byzantine, Italian and Ottoman cultures

Week 8
(28 Nov) Professor Dame Averil Cameron
Empire and commonwealth today
SEMINARS Thursdays

BYZANTINE ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY
A FRENCH PERSPECTIVE

Convenor: Vivien PRIGENT

Ioannou Centre, Basement Room 42
Thursday 11 AM

1/11: Ioanna Rapti, Byzantine tradition, levantine audience and court culture: revisiting the Greek-Latin Hamilton psalter (Kupferstichkabinett 78.A.9)

8/11: Vera Tchentsova, The later life of byzantine prophecies: the Klontas manuscript in 17th century Russia.

15/11: Etleva Nallbani, Early Medieval Albania: new archaeological evidence.

22/11: Vivien Prigent, Byzantine administration in Africa: new evidence.

29/11: Michel Kazanski, The Eastern Roman Empire and the Barbarian peoples from the Northern and Eastern Black Sea regions (4th - 7th c.)
LATE ROMAN SEMINAR
Thursdays 5.00 pm, Corpus Christi College
Seminar Room – except Weeks 1 and 8

Week 1 (11 October) Andrew Wilson (Oxford)
‘The walls of Carthage and the date of Augustine’s De Trinitate’
[Al-Jabar Auditorium]

Week 2 (18 October) Marta Szada (University of Warsaw)
‘Reading Eugippius in Theodoric’s Italy: the Life of Severinus and its political message’

Week 3 (25 October) Margaret Atkins (Boarbank Hall / Blackfriars)
‘Augustine on Lying’

Week 4 (1 November) Julia Hillner (University of Sheffield)
‘The cycle and the void: Writing Helena’.

Week 5 (8 November) Claire Hall (Oxford)
‘Moses as prophet-sage in Philo and Origen’

Week 6 (15 November): Shunsuke Kosaka (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)
‘Ammianus Marcellinus, the old age of Rome, and the populus Romanus.’

Week 7 (22 November): TBC

Week 8 (29 November) Geoffrey Greatrex (University of Ottawa)
‘How to interpret Procopius’ Persian tales.’
[Refugee Scholars’ Room]

Conveners: Neil McLynn and Bryan Ward-Perkins
Khalili Research Centre. Research Seminar, Autumn
Thursdays 5:15pm at Wolfson College, Oxford OX2 6UD. All welcome

Hassan Chahdi, The Qur’an, its Transmission and Textual Variants: Confronting Early Manuscripts and Written Traditions (11 October)

Sean Leatherbury, Intricate Geometries from Byzantine Church to Umayyad Palace: Motifs and Meanings in the Mosaics of Late Antique Syria (18 October)

Robert Schick, The Decline of Christianity in Southern Jordan after the Muslim Conquest (25 October)

1 November: No seminar

Ayda Kaplan, Syriac Calligraphy: Introducing a Neglected Field of Study (8 November)

Agnieszka Lic, Seventh- to Ninth-Century Churches in the Persian Gulf as ‘Museums of Forms’ (15 November)

Alastair Northedge, Dehistan: Archaeology of a Medieval Pilgrimage City (22 November)

Susana Calvo Capilla, The Artistic Undertakings of Caliph al-Hakam II in Cordoba (29 November)

Free mini-bus service to Wolfson College departing every 20 minutes from the city centre. Last return service 6:40pm from Wolfson. For more information and a real-time tracker, please visit: https://www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/minibus

For a programme with lecture abstracts, visit the KRC website (https://krc.web.ox.ac.uk/homekrc) or contact the seminar convenor, Prof. Alain George (alain.george@orinst.ox.ac.uk)
The Cult of Saints in the First Millennium

Friday 5.00 – 7.00 pm, Weeks 3, 5, 7
Trinity College, Danson Room (W3, 5), Sutro Room (W7)
Convenor: Efthymios Rizos

Week 3 (26 October, Danson Room)

Week 5 (9 November, Danson Room)
Christodoulos Papavarnavas (Vienna and Oxford)
Prison Space and Holiness in Martyr Narratives: A Literary Approach to Greek Passions

Week 7 (23 November, Sutro Room)
Nikolaos Kälviäinen (Oxford)
Fluid textual traditions and untethered historical data: some philological problems of using martyrdom accounts as sources for cult
Gold Glass Memorial Day for Daniel T. Howells

27 April 2019

Ioannou Centre, Oxford

A conference in commemoration of the life and work of the late Dr Daniel Howells. Speakers, many of whom knew or worked with Dr Howells, will present papers on the art of ancient gold glass, its historical contexts and influence on later art.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gold-glass-conference-tickets-49383275707