



**Dr Elizabeth Zadora-Rio**

(CNRS Tours)

***“From Roman to early medieval  
settlement in France: village layout  
and buildings, c.300–900”***

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

*The Special Lectures are funded by a generous  
grant from Lewis Chester, who read History  
at Trinity College in the 1980s*

The details of all these events are also available  
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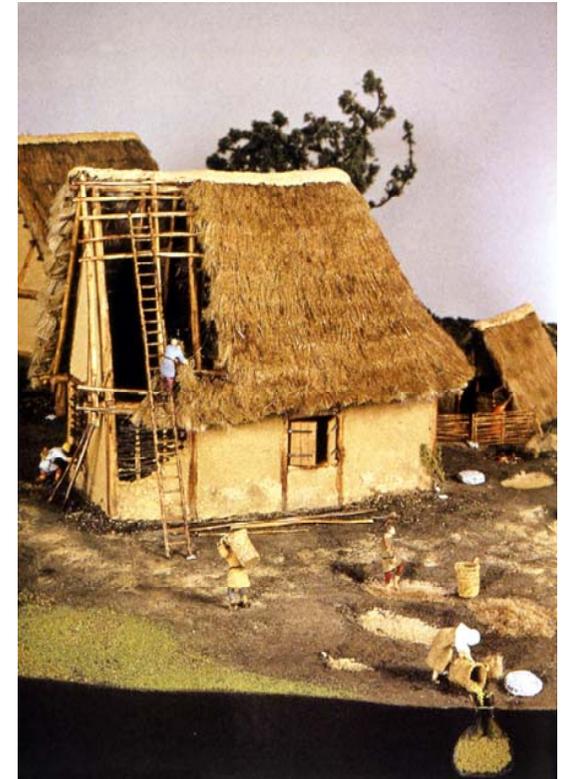
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(where any up-datings will be posted)

SPECIAL LECTURE  
(with the Medieval  
Archaeology Seminar)

Monday 27 April  
2009 at 2pm

Lecture Room,  
Institute of Archaeology  
36 Beaumont Street





SPECIAL LECTURE

**Isaiah Gafni**

(Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

**“Jews and Judaism in Late Antiquity:  
Can Texts (Still) Tell the Tale?”**



Monday 18 May  
2009 at 5pm

Rainolds Room,  
Corpus Christi  
College

(At 2.15 pm on  
Tuesday 19 May,  
Prof. Gafni will give a further paper  
on  
'Correspondence  
between Jewish  
communities in Late  
Antiquity: on  
patriarchal epistles and other let-  
ters', at the 'Seminar on Jewish  
History and Literature in  
the Graeco-Roman Period', held in  
the  
Oriental Institute)



**Translation and  
linguistic mediation  
in the late antique  
and medieval empires  
of the East**



WORKSHOP:

Wednesday 20 May 2009

Corpus Christi College, Seminar Room

**Morning (from 9.30 am): Transfer of Classical Knowledge**

- **Sebastian Brock** (Oxford): *From Aesop to Aristotle: Syriac tastes in Greek literature* (resp. Claudia Rapp)
- **Peter Pormann** (Warwick): *The formation of medical Arabic: translating terms, incorporating concepts* (resp. Simon Swain)
- **Benjamin Jokisch** (Freiburg): *Legal translation in the early Abbasid caliphate* (resp. Caroline Humfress)

**Afternoon (from 2.30 pm): Administration and Trade**

- **Denise Aigle** (Paris): *Multilingualism in the Mongol empire: diplomatic practice* (resp. Judith Pfeiffer)
- **Peter Bang** (Copenhagen): *'Lost in translation' – the Roman Bazaar and the organisation of trade in a multilingual empire* (resp. Andrew Wilson)
- **Roger Bagnall**: *Conclusions*

Attendance at the workshop is free (including a sandwich lunch); but all who wish to attend must, by Friday 15 May, inform <arietta.papaconstantinou@orinst.ox.ac.uk>

The workshop is organised by Arietta Papaconstantinou,  
and supported by the John Fell Fund, the Corpus Classics Centre,  
and the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity



(WITH THE 'AFTER ROME' SEMINAR)

SPECIAL LECTURE

**Roger Bagnall**

(Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York)

***“Trimithis: A Late Antique  
City in an Egyptian Oasis”***



Thursday 21 May 2009 at 5pm  
Danson Room, Trinity College, Oxford



**The Arts of  
Domination  
from Augustus  
to Theoderic**

**COLLOQUIUM:  
Saturday 23 May 2009**

Seminar Room, Corpus Christi  
College, Oxford



*Chair:* **Conrad Leyser** (Oxford)

2.00 pm: **Carlin Barton** (University of Massachusetts, Amherst):  
'Empire Washed Clean With Blood: Roman Domination  
and the Physics of Sacrifice'

3.00 pm: **Walter Pohl** (Institut für Mittelalterforschung, Vienna):  
'Rulers, Armies, and Peoples in Late Antiquity'

4.00 pm: Tea/coffee

*Chair:* **Kate Cooper** (Manchester)

4.30 pm: Plenary Discussion  
Discussants: **Tim Whitmarsh** and **Nicholas Purcell** (Oxford)

5.45 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*

## **‘After Rome’: Aspects of the History and Archaeology of the Fifth to Seventh Centuries**

*Convenors: James Howard-Johnston & Bryan Ward-Perkins*

Thursdays at 5 pm, Danson Room, Trinity College

30 April (Week 1)

**Claudia Rapp** (UCLA):

*Fathers, Sons and Brothers: Social Relations in Early Monasticism*

7 May (Week 2)

**Marion Hoffmann** (Ludwig Maximilian Universität, Munich):

*Imārat i Khosrō: A Sasanian Palace on the Ancient Khurasan Road*

14 May (Week 3)

**Simon Corcoran** (UCL):

*Observations on the Sasanian Law Book in the Light of Roman Legal Writing*

21 May (Week 4)

**Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity Special Lecture**

**Roger Bagnall** (Institute for the Study of the Ancient World, New York):

*Trimithis: A Late Antique City in an Egyptian Oasis*

28 May (Week 5)

**Bob Birks** (ANU, Canberra):

*Demonising the Britons: Cultural Genocide in Felix’s Life of Saint Guthlac*

4 June (Week 6)

**Silvia Orlandi** (La Sapienza, Rome):

*Re-use and Inscriptions in the Late Antique Colosseum*

11 June (Week 7)

**Robert Wisniewski** (University of Warsaw):

*Dividing Relics: Are the Greeks to Blame?*

18 June (Week 8)

**Etleva Nallbani** (École française de Rome):

*Archaeology and the Transition to the Early Middle Ages in the Western Balkans*

## **Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period**

Tuesdays of Weeks 1–4 at 2.15 pm in the Oriental Institute

*Convenor: Martin Goodman*

28 April (Week 1):

**Livia Capponi** (Newcastle):

*Hadrian in Jerusalem and Alexandria in 117 CE*

5 May (Week 2)

**Alison Salvesen** (Mansfield):

*‘Tradunt Hebraei...’: the problem of the origins and function of Jewish midrash in Jerome*

12 May (Week 3)

**Yehoshua Granat** (Hebrew University):

*‘Double predestination’ and the pre-existence of repentance: Qumran, midrash and piyyut*

19 May (Week 4)

**Isaiah Gafni** (Hebrew University):

*Correspondence between Jewish communities in late antiquity: on patriarchal epistles and other letters*

## Oxford Patristics Seminar

All seminars will take place on Tuesdays from 2.15–4.00 p.m. in Staircase 8, Christ Church.

*Convenors: Dr Mark Edwards, Dr Yannis Papadogiannakis*

28 April (Week 1)

**Dr David Gwynn** (Royal Holloway College):

*Athanasius in Oriental Tradition*

5 May (Week 2)

**Phoebe Makiello** (The Queen's College):

*Philo of Alexandria on Visions*

12 May (Week 3)

**Dr Stanley Rosenberg** (SCIO and Wycliffe Hall):

*Augustine and Galileo*

19 May (Week 4)

**Mark Tomlinson** (Wolfson College):

*Martyrdom and the City in Prudentius*

26 May (Week 5)

**Benjamin Goldstein** (Christ Church):

*Feminism and the Reading of 'Gnostic' Texts*

2 June (Week 6)

**Dr Bernard Green** (St Benet's Hall):

*Augustine, the Sack of Rome in 410 and the Religion of the Goths*

9 June (Week 7)

**Mark Baddeley** (Wycliffe Hall):

*The Father-Son Relationship in Athanasius' Doctrine of the Atonement*

16 June (Week 8)

**Lauren Schwartzman** (Corpus Christi College):

*Resurrection Miracles in Early Christian Contest Texts*

## Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art Seminar: Byzantine Manuscripts

*Convenors: L. A. Schachner and G. R. Parpulov*

Thursdays of weeks 1–7 at 12 noon

in the first-floor seminar room of the Ioannou Centre

30 April (Week 1)

**Andrew Honey** (Bodleian Library):

*The Conservation of Byzantine Manuscripts*

7 May (Week 2)

**Chrysi Kotsifou** (Centre for the Study of Ancient Documents):

*Manuscript Production in the Late Antique and Early Medieval Monastic Circles of Egypt*

14 May (Week 3)

**Nigel Wilson** (Lincoln College):

*Some Forged Byzantine Manuscripts*

21 May (Week 4)

**John Lowden** (Courtauld Institute of Art):

*The Jaharis Lectionary: An illuminated Byzantine Manuscript for St Sophia?*

28 May (Week 5)

**Anthony Cutler** (Pennsylvania State University):

*Legal Iconicity: The Documentary Image, the Problem of Genre, and the Work of the Beholder*

4 June (Week 6)

**Maja Kominko** (University of York):

*Neither Byzantine nor Armenian, neither Arabic nor Latin: Syriac Illustrated Manuscripts in the thirteenth century*

11 June (Week 7)

**Fevronia Noussia** (Royal Holloway):

*Teaching the Byzantine Student: Palaeologan Schedographies*

## Late Antique and Byzantine Studies Seminar

The Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar, held in the Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College at 5pm on Wednesdays, is this term focused on the tenth-century: 'Byzantium in the Age of Constantine Porphyrogenitus'.

Full details can be found at:

[http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/byzstud/lectures\\_seminars/2009\\_trinity/labs.html](http://www.history.ox.ac.uk/byzstud/lectures_seminars/2009_trinity/labs.html)

## Law in Late Antiquity

Convenor: *Boudewijn Sirks*

Tuesday 2 June, 11.30am–1pm

VENUE: Corpus Christi College

**Hylkje de Jong** (Free University of Amsterdam):

*Stephanus and his teaching of the Digest*

Wednesday 10 June, 11am–1pm

VENUE: All Souls College

**Sebastian Schmidt-Hofner** (University of Heidelberg):

*Making the judicial system of the Roman Empire: a view from below*

## Medieval Archaeology

Two seminars will be held on the following MONDAYS at 2pm in the Lecture Room of the Institute of Archaeology, 36 Beaumont Street

Convenor: *Helena Hamerow and Lesley Abrams*

27 April (Week 1)

**OXFORD CENTRE FOR LATE ANTIQUITY SPECIAL LECTURE**

**Dr Elizabeth Zadora-Rio** (CNRS Tours):

*From Roman to early medieval settlement in France: village layout and buildings, c 300–900*

(jointly with the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity)

11 May (Week 3)

**Dr Marlia Mango:**

*The origin(s) of 'Coptic' metalware found in Europe, dated 6th–7th centuries*

## Approaches to Medieval Spain

Convenors: *Graham Barrett (Balliol) and Robert Portass (Balliol)*

Tuesday 2 June (Week 6) at 3pm in the Massey Room, Balliol College:

**Professor Roger Wright** (University of Liverpool)

*Language and Ethnic Identity, 400–1000*

O'DONNELL LECTURE

**Professor Maire Herbert**

(University College Cork):

*British saints in Ireland,*

*Irish saints in Britain:*

*The View from Hagiography*

Friday 15 May at 5:00 pm

Lecture Theatre 2, St Cross Building, Manor Road

## Late Antique 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 convenor, Maria Kouroumali. <maria.kouroumali@wolfson.ox.ac.uk>