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on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford  
between January and March 2016

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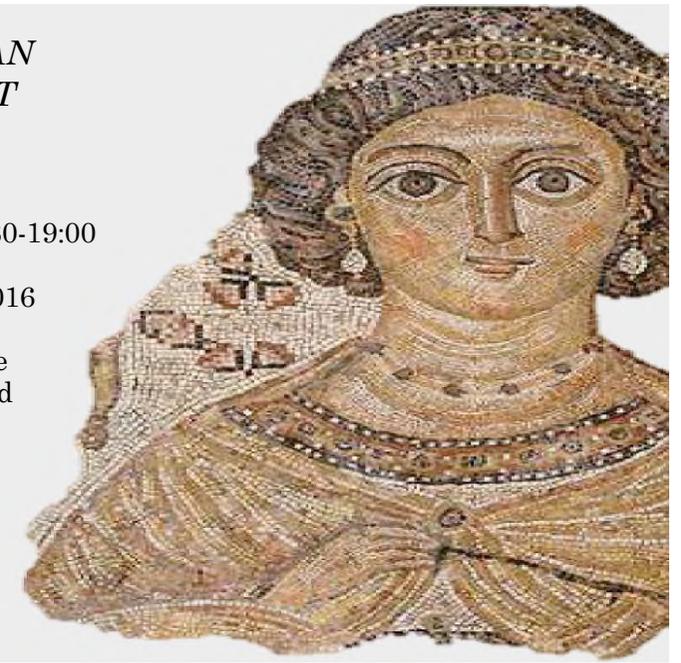
## *BEING A WOMAN BYZANTINIST*

Time: 17:00-18:30

Drinks reception: 18:30-19:00

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

Venue: Ertegun House  
University of Oxford  
37A St. Giles'  
Oxford, OX1 3LD



### **SPEAKERS:**

DAME AVERIL CAMERON (Former Professor of Late Antique and Byzantine History & Former Warden, Keble College, Oxford)

ELIZABETH JEFFREYS (Former Bywater and Sotheby Professor of Byzantine and Modern Greek Language and Literature, Exeter College, Oxford)

JUDITH HERRIN (Former Professor of Late Antique and Byzantine Studies, King's College, London & Constantine Leventis Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Hellenic Studies, King's College London)

CATHERINE HOLMES (Associate Professor of Medieval History & A.D.M. Cox Old Members' Tutorial Fellow in Medieval History, University College, Oxford)

### **Discussion** (open to the floor) led by:

INE JACOBS (Associate Professor of Byzantine Archaeology and Visual Culture, University College, Oxford)

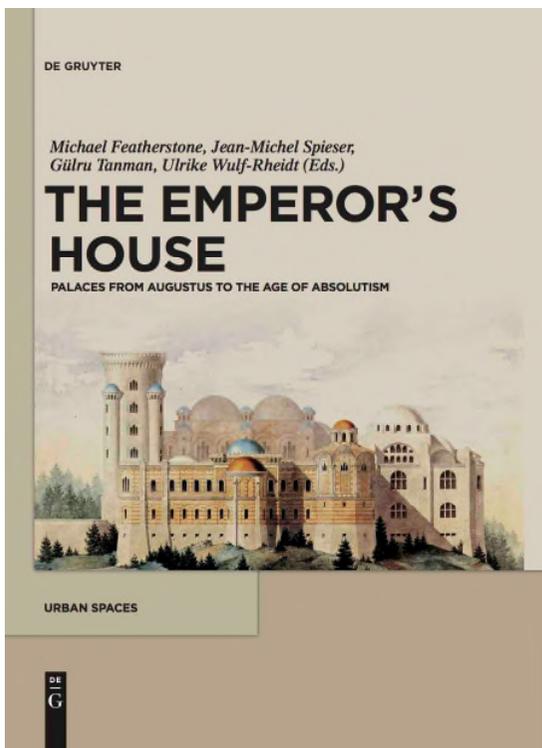
IDA TOTH (Lecturer in Byzantine Epigraphy & Senior Instructor in Medieval Latin and Greek, Wolfson College, Oxford)

MARK WHITTOW (University Lecturer in Byzantine Studies & Fellow, Corpus Christi College, Oxford)

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THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR BYZANTINE RESEARCH  
**Late Antique Palaces**

A Colloquium to Celebrate the Publication of *The Emperor's House*  
 Friday 5 February 2016 – Ertegun House, 37a St Giles', Oxford



Conveners: J. M. Featherstone and Bryan Ward-Perkins

The colloquium is free, including a sandwich lunch,  
 but space is limited, so registration is essential.

To book a place, please write to <kelly.dixon@ertegun.ox.ac.uk>

**PROGRAMME**

- 10:00 Welcome and Introduction
- 10:15 **Ulrike Wulf-Rheidt** (Berlin):  
*The Palace of the Roman Emperors on the Palatine in Rome*
- 10:45 **Jean-Michel Spieser** (Fribourg):  
*The Palace of Galerius in Thessaloniki*
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- 11:15 Break for coffee
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- 11:30 **Judith Herrin** (London):  
*Palazzo Scamparso: Ravenna's Imperial Court*
- 12:00 **Marlia Mango** (Oxford):  
*The Great Palace mosaic pavement: literary source and historical context*
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- 12:30 Lunch
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- 2:00 Panel discussion on  
*The Emperor's House*
- Bryan Ward-Perkins
  - Chris Wickham
  - Gervase Rosser

**Monastic Economies in Egypt and Palestine,  
 5th–10th centuries CE**

**16–17 March 2016**

at Ertegun House, Oxford

Organisers: Louise Blanke, Jennifer Cromwell and Bryan Ward-Perkins

**Wednesday 16 March**

- 8.45– 9.10 Registration
- 9.10–9.30 Introduction by **Louise Blanke, Jennifer Cromwell**  
 and **Bryan Ward-Perkins**

**Session I: Monastic food production and consumption**

*Session chair: Jennifer Cromwell*

- 9.30–10.05 **Alain Delattre**: *Agricultural management and food production at the monastery of Bawit*
- 10.05–10.40 **Dorota Dzierzbicka**: *Monastic vintages. The social and economic role of wine in Egyptian monasteries during the 5th–7th centuries.*

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- 11.10–11.45 **Darlene Brooks Hedstrom**: *Cooking, baking and serving: A window into the kitchen of Egyptian monastic households and the archaeology of cooking*
- 11.45–12.20 **Gábor Kalla**: *The refectory and the kitchen in the early Byzantine cloister of Tall Bi'a (Syria). The Egyptian and Palestinian connections*

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## Session II: The monastic estate (built environments and landholdings)

Session chair: Elisabeth O'Connell

- 13.30–4.05 **Thomasz Derda and Joanna Wegner:** *The Naqlun fathers and their business affairs*
- 14.05–4.40 **Karel Innemée:** *St Macarius's Monastery in Sketis: Questions raised by recent surveys*
- 14.40–15.15 **Jacob Ashkenazi and Mordechai Aviam:** *Economic growth and monastic built environment in Christian Galilee in Late Antiquity*

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- 15.45–16.20 **Isabelle Marthot-Santaniello:** *Monasteries as landowners: Evidence from the Egyptian village of Aphrodito (6th–8th centuries CE)*
- 16.20–16.55 **Arietta Papaconstantinou:** *Loans, land, and the Lord: Was credit important for monastic estates?*
- 16.55–17.30 **Davide Bianchi:** *A great monastic estate between Palaestina and Arabia*

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## Thursday 17 March

### Session III: Travel and pilgrimage

Session chair: Bryan Ward-Perkins

- 9.00–9.35 **Gesa Schenke:** *Egyptian Hagiotopeography: documentary and literary evidence for the martyr veneration at monastic shrines*
- 9.35–10.10 **Tonio Sebastian Richter:** *The making of memory: visitors' inscriptions in the Upper Egyptian monastery Deir Anba Hadra*

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- 10.30–11.05 **Orit Shamir:** *Garments and Shrouds of Egyptian and Nubian Pilgrims from Qasr al-Yahud, ninth century CE*
- 11.05–11.40 **Daniel Reynolds:** *Deconstructing the pilgrim economy*
- 11.40–12.15 **Paula Tutty:** *Monastic travels in fourth- and fifth-century Egypt*

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### Session IV: Trade and the production and consumption of material goods

Session chair: Louise Blanke

- 13.30–14.05 **Mennat Allah el Dorry:** *It's a dung job: Exploring fuel disc production in Egyptian monasteries*
- 14.05–14.40 **Andrea Myers Achi:** *Illuminating the Scriptorium: Monastic economy and book production from the medieval monastery of St Michael in Egypt*

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- 15.10–15.45 **Daniel Caner:** *P. Colt 79 as evidence for the distinction between offerings (Prosporai) and blessings (Eulogiai) in Byzantine Monasticism*
- 15.45–16.20 **Sebastian Olschok:** *The economic complex of Deir Anba Hadra, Egypt*

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BREAK

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- 16.50–17.30 Summary discussion led by **Louise Blanke** and **Jennifer Cromwell**

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CONFERENCE DINNER

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Participation is free, but registration is essential. Please email [monastic.economies@gmail.com](mailto:monastic.economies@gmail.com) before 10 March. Questions should also be addressed to this email. Further updates will be posted on <https://monkscamelsandwine.wordpress.com/category/general/>

The symposium is generously sponsored by Aarhus University's Sapera Aude funded project [The Emergence of Sacred Travel](#), the Danish Research Council and Ertegun House.

## Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

WEDNESDAYS at 5pm in Hilary Term 2016  
in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles'

20 January (Week 1)

**Andreas Rhoby** (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften, Vienna):  
*Book Epigrams, Metrical Paratexts, and 'Inscriptional' Verses in Byzantine Manuscripts*

27 January (Week 2)

**Geri della Rocca de Candal** (ERC Research Fellow, Bodleian Library):  
*Publishing Byzantine historiography in early modern Europe: a historical and bibliographical survey*

3 February (Week 3)

**Eleni Pachoumi** (North-West University, South Africa):  
*Divine-theurgic Unions of Individuals with their Personal Daimons and Internalised Gods in the Greek Magical Papyri*

10 February (Week 4)

**Andrew Jotischky** (Lancaster University):  
*Continuity and Tradition in Greek Orthodox Monasteries in the Crusader States*

17 February (Week 5)

**Juan Signes Codoñer** (University of Valladolid):  
*The chimaera of the grammarians: middle voice in the Byzantine grammatical tradition, some insights*

24 February (Week 6)

**John Duffy** (Harvard University):  
*Reliques of Old Rhetoric: Artistic Elements in the Homilies of Sophronius of Jerusalem*

2 March (Week 7)

**Marek Jankowiak** (Wolfson):  
*Between Roman latifundia and the Late Medieval Black Sea: was slavery widespread in middle Byzantium?*

9 March (Week 8)

**Miranda Williams & Judith McKenzie**  
(Late Antique Egypt and the Holy Land Project):  
*Glimpses of Shared Sacred Sites in the Levant*

Conveners: Marc Lauxtermann and Mark Whittow

## Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art Seminar

THURSDAYS, 11am–12:30pm in Weeks 2–8 of Hilary Term 2016  
St John's College:  
New Seminar Room (weeks 2–4, 6–8), North Lecture Room (week 5)

21 January (Week 1)

*No seminar*

28 January (Week 2)

**Sebastian Brock, Cyril Mango, and Jenny Richardson**:  
*The manuscripts (Greek, Latin, Syriac, Georgian, Armenian, Slavonic, Arabic, palimpsests) in the monastery on Mt Sinai: past, present, future*

4 February (Week 3)

**Ulrike Wulf-Rheidt** (Berlin):  
*The late antique palace of the Emperor Galerius at Gamzigrad/Eastern Serbia*

11 February (Week 4)

**Gideon Avni** (Jerusalem):  
*Churches and mosques in Early Islamic Palestine: co-existence or conversion?*

18 February (Week 5)

**Eberhard Sauer** (Edinburgh) and **Konstantin Pitskhelauri** (Tbilisi):  
*The Caspian/ Caucasian Gates (Dariali Gorge in Georgia): recent fieldwork at the ancient and late antique world's most famous mountain pass*

25 February (Week 6)

**Francesca Dell'Acqua** (Birmingham):  
*Presentation of the Iconophilia project*

3 March (Week 7)

**Nilüfer Peker** (Başkent):  
*An Agrarian Settlement in Byzantine Cappadocia: Wine Presses and Wine Production in Mavrucandere*

10 March (Week 8)

**Priscilla Lange**:  
*Archaeozoology at Andarin, Syria: Domestic Economy*

Conveners: Ine Jacobs and Marlia Mango

## The Cult of Saints in the First Millennium

**FRIDAYS** 5–7 pm in Weeks 1, 3, 5, and 7 of Hilary Term 2016  
Radcliffe Humanities Building – Seminar Room (3<sup>rd</sup> floor)

22 January (Week 1)

**Pawel Nowakowski** (Oxford, The Cult of Saints Project):

*Epitaph for a saint: considerations on the epigraphical aspects of the burial of martyrs*

5 February (Week 3)

**Nikoloz Aleksidze** (Pembroke College):

*King Vaçagan the Pious and his Long Hunt for Relics*

19 February (Week 5)

**Maria Lidova** (Wolfson College):

*Art as Evidence for the Joint Cult of Saints: John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in Early Medieval Rome and Byzantium*

4 March (Week 7)

**Philip Booth** (Trinity College):

*Text, Shrine, and Supplicant in the Eastern Cult of Saints (5<sup>th</sup>–7<sup>th</sup> centuries)*

Convener: Efthymios Rizos

## Medieval Archaeology Seminar

**MONDAYS** at 3pm in Weeks 2, 4, 6, and 8 in Hilary Term 2016  
Institute of Archaeology Lecture Room

The seminars in Weeks 2 and 6 are relevant to late antiquity

25 February (Week 2)

**Jacek Gruszczynski**:

*Viking-Age Silver Hoards in the Baltic Zone: deposition and (non)retrieval*

22 February (Week 6)

**John Naylor and Chris Scull**:

*Scettas in Anglo-Saxon graves: chronology and culture*

Conveners: L. Abrams and H. Hamerow

## Late Roman Seminar

**THURSDAYS** at 5pm in Hilary Term 2016 in the Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College (except for Week 6)

21 January (Week 1)

**Richard Price** (London)

*The early ecumenical councils: the work of the Holy Spirit, or a series of disasters?*

28 January (Week 2)

**Mike Stawpert** (Oxford):

*'Awful gore from the internal wounds of the state': Usurpations in the reign of Constantius II, 350–361*

4 February (Week 3)

**Jean-Michel Spieser** (Fribourg):

*The development of the cult of saint Demetrius in Thessaloniki*

11 February (Week 4)

**Rebecca Littlechilds** (London):

*Asterius' Liber ad Renatum monachum and fifth-century ascetic cohabitation*

18 February (Week 5)

**Justine Potts** (Oxford)

*Recalling past sins: Augustine in a Greco-Roman confessional context*

25 February (Week 6)

Venue: al Jabber Auditorium, Corpus Christi College

**Roundtable Discussion** of Philippe Buc, 'Holy War, Martyrdom and Terror: Christianity, Violence, and the West' with **Kate Cooper** (Manchester), **Ruth Harris** (Oxford), and **Lyndal Roper** (Oxford)

3 March (Week 7)

**Andrew Fear** (Manchester):

*A Visigothic hypochondriac*

10 March (Week 8)

**Richard Hillier** (Yehudi Menuhin School):

*Arator: a sixth-century life reconsidered*

Conveners: Neil McLynn and Conrad Leyser

## Patristic and Late Antique Seminar: Patristic Exegesis of Wisdom Literature

TUESDAYS, 4–5.30pm in Hilary Term 2016  
Christ Church, Room 2

19 January (Week 1)

**Professor Mark Edwards** (Oxford):  
*Use of Wisdom literature in primitive Christianity*

26 January (Week 2)

**Professor Ilaria Ramelli** (Catholic University Milan – Angelicum University (Italy) and Oxford):  
*Epistle to the Hebrews and Philo on hypostasis and wisdom*

2 February (Week 3)

**Claire Hall** (Oxford):  
*Wisdom literature and Egyptian magical papyri*

9 February (Week 4)

**Dr Stan Rosenberg** (Oxford):  
*Wisdom literature and cosmology in later fourth- and early fifth-century texts*

16 February (Week 5)

**Dr Vito Limone** (Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan (Italy)):  
*Ov̄oia in Origen: including the recently found 29 homilies on the Psalms (Cod. Mon. Gr. 314)*

23 February (Week 6)

**Dr Bella Image** (Oxford):  
*Jerome's use of Wisdom literature*

1 March (Week 7)

**Jenny Rallens** (Oxford):  
*Augustine on the Psalms*

8 March (Week 8)

**Dr Siam Bhayro** (University of Exeter):  
*Psalms quotations in Late Antique Jewish magic*

Conveners: Dr Stan Rosenberg and Professor Mark Edwards

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

TUESDAYS, 2.30–4 pm in Hilary Term 2016  
Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Clarendon Institute,  
Walton Street

19 January (Week 1)

[See under Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies below]

26 January (Week 2)

**Professor James Kugel** (Harvard):  
*The newly-found fragment of the Aramaic Levi document*

2 February (Week 3)

[See under Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies below]

9 February (Week 4)

**Dr Simon Gathercole** (Cambridge):  
*Palestinian place names in the Gospels, Josephus and rabbinic literature*

16 February (Week 5)

[See under Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies below]

23 February (Week 6)

**Professor Sir Fergus Millar** (OCHJS):  
*The Midrash on Lamentations (Ekha Rabbati): Vespasian and Hadrian*

1 March (Week 7)

[See under Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies below]

8 March (Week 8)

**Dr Sergey Minov**:  
*Jewish-Christian relations in the late-ancient and early-medieval Near East*

Conveners: Professor Martin Goodman, Professor Alison Salvesen  
and Professor Sarah Pearce

## Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies

### Israel in Egypt: The Land of Egypt as concept and reality for the Jews in Antiquity and the early medieval period

#### (1) SEMINARS

These will be held fortnightly on **TUESDAYS** in Hilary Term 2016 from 2.30pm to 4pm in the Clarendon Institute

19 January (Week 1)

**Dr James Aitken** (Cambridge University):

*The LXX translators in an Egyptian setting* (apud Alexandriam)

2 February (Week 3)

**Professor George Brooke** (University of Manchester):

*Choosing between Papyrus and Skin: Cultural Complexity and Multiple Identities in the Qumran Library*

16 February (Week 5)

**Dr Deborah Jacobs** (Freie Universität, Berlin):

*Anti-Jewish sentiments in Roman Egypt*

1 March (Week 7)

**Dr Dorothy Peters** (Trinity Western University)

*'Bridges and Boundaries': Concepts of 'Egypt' in the Dead Sea Scrolls*

Conveners: Professor Sarah Pearce and Professor Alison Salvesen

#### (2) WORKSHOPS AND PROJECT SEMINARS

These will be held on **WEDNESDAYS** in Hilary Term 2016 from 10am to 12 noon in the Clarendon Institute

20 January (Week 1)

**Professor Alison Salvesen** (OCHJS)

WORKSHOP: *'Biblical texts on Egypt: formation and reception'*

27 January (Week 2)

**Professor Sarah Pearce** (University of Southampton)

SEMINAR: *'Philo and the memory of Ptolemaic rule'*

3 February (Week 3)

**Professor Jan Joosten** (Christ Church)

WORKSHOP: *'Egypt and the Historical and Theological Lexicon of the Septuagint'*

10 February (Week 4)

**Professor Joan Taylor** (King's College London)

SEMINAR: *'The Therapeutae, Gender and the Synagogue'*

17 February (Week 5)

**David Friedman** (Wolfson College)

WORKSHOP: *'Jewish sources on the Jews' (putative) Egyptian origins'*

24 February (Week 6)

**Dr Rachel Mairs** (Reading University)

SEMINAR: *'Ethnicity, multi-lingualism and the Jews in Graeco-Roman Egypt: Sources and approaches'*

2 March (Week 7)

**Professor Tessa Rajak** (Reading University, Emerita)

WORKSHOP: *'Josephus on the Oniads'*

9 March (Week 8)

**Professor Hindy Najman** (Oriental College):

SEMINAR: *'Joseph Returns to Egypt: Rewriting the Joseph cycle in first century Alexandria'*

Conveners: Professor Miriam Frenkel, Professor Sarah Pearce and Professor Alison Salvesen

MAISON FRANÇAISE D'OXFORD

## How Syria was destroyed: The dynamics of a civil war

Lecture at the Investcorp Lecture Theatre, Middle East Centre,  
68 Woodstock Road

Monday 22 February 2016 at 5pm

Adam Baczko (EHESS) and  
Gilles Dorransoro and Arthur Quesnay (ParisI Panthéon-Sorbonne)

Chair: Eugene Rogan (Oxford)

Please register in advance: [www.mfo.ac.uk/node/4520/register](http://www.mfo.ac.uk/node/4520/register)

## Ancient Architecture Discussion Group

FRIDAYS at 4 pm in Hilary Term 2016  
Seminar Room, Institute of Archaeology, Beaumont Street

The following paper is relevant to late antiquity:

19 February (Week 5)

**Costanza Vecchiet** (Durham):

*The Basilica of Saints Felix and Fortunatus in Aquileia: History and Hypothetical Reconstructions of an Early Christian Building and its Urban Context*

### Book launch at the Maison Française

On Saturday 16 January 2016 at 5 pm  
the Maison Française d'Oxford will host a book launch for:

*La mémoire d'Ambroise de Milan. Usages politiques  
d'une autorité patristique en Italie (V<sup>e</sup>-XVIII<sup>e</sup> siècle),*  
ed. Patrick Boucheron and Stéphane Gioanni

(Paris: Publications de la Sorbonne/École française de Rome, 2015)

in the presence of the editors, and with short presentations by  
**Neil McLynn, Conrad Leyser, and Jan Machielsen**

Drinks to follow. All welcome.

More information on the book here:

<http://www.publications-sorbonne.fr/en/livre/?GCOI=28405100932260>