Listed here are the lectures and seminars on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford between 21 April and 13 June 2008.

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The details of all these events are also available on the OCLA web-site:

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(where any up-datings will be posted)
SPECIAL LECTURE

John Dillon (Trinity College Dublin)

“The Religion of the Last Hellenes”

Wednesday 7 May 2008 at 5pm
Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies,
66 St Giles’, Oxford
(At 5p.m. on Thursday 8 May, Prof. Dillon will give a further paper on ‘The Last Hellenic Philosophers’, at the ‘After Rome’ seminar, held in the Danson Room, Trinity College)

These events are funded through the generosity of Lewis Chester

SPECIAL LECTURE

Daniel Boyarin
( Berkeley)

“Integrating Jews and Judaism into late antique history: Hellenism in Jewish Babylonia”

Monday 19 May 2008 at 5pm
Danson Room,
Trinity College,
Oxford
(At 2.15p.m. on Tuesday 20 May, Prof. Boyarin will give a further paper on ‘Lucian, Petronius, and the genre of the Talmud’, at the ‘Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period’, held in the Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane, Oxford)

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SPECIAL LECTURE

Michael Morony
(UCLA)

“Should Sasanian Iran be included in Late Antiquity?”

Tuesday 20 May 2008 at 5pm

Lecture Theatre, History Faculty, George Street, Oxford

This lecture is funded through the generosity of Lewis Chester

SPECIAL LECTURE

Gyburg Radke
(Freie Universität, Berlin)

‘The Platonism of Early Christian Theology’

Wednesday 4 June 2008 at 5pm

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

(At 5p.m. on Thursday 5 June, Prof. Radke will give a further paper on ‘Studia Humanitatis in late Ancient and Medieval Thought’, at the ‘After Rome’ seminar, held in the Danson Room, Trinity College)

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

Convenors: James Howard-Johnston (Corpus Christi College) and Bryan Ward-Perkins (Trinity College)

Thursdays at 5pm in the Danson Room, Trinity College

Week 1
Josef Wiesehoefer (Kiel):
24 April Kawad, Khusro I and the Mazdakites: a New Proposal

Week 2
No Seminar in the Danson Room
1 May Instead, at 5pm in the Headley Lecture Theatre
of the Ashmolean Museum:
Miracles, Myths and Menorahs: Celebrating the Wilshere Collection

Week 3
John Dillon (Trinity College Dublin):
8 May The Last Hellenic Philosophers

Week 4
Gavin Kelly (Edinburgh):
15 May Early Constantinople through the Eyes of Eastern Pagans

Week 5
Geoffrey Greatrex (Ottawa):
22 May Patriarchs and Politics in early sixth-century Constantinople

Week 6
Yuri Marano (Padova):
29 May The Building Policy of Theoderic

Week 7
Gyburg Radke (Freie Universität, Berlin):
5 June Studia Humanitatis in late Ancient and Medieval Thought

Week 8
Claire Sotinel (Tours):
12 June Imperial Rome in the fifth century: a new Constantinople?

Collecting Legal Texts in Late Antiquity

Convenor: Professor Boudewijn Sirks

The following papers will be delivered and discussed in All Souls College on the two Wednesdays indicated.

Wednesday 14 May, 11am–1pm:
Professor Wolfgang Kaiser (Freiburg im Breisgau):
Et in digestis et constitutionibus didicimus – the Epitome Iuliani and legal instruction under Justinian

Dr Simon Corcoran (UCL):
The Gregorianus and Hermogenianus assembled and shattered

Wednesday 4 June, 11am–1pm
Dr Alexander Evers (Augustinianum, Rome):
The Collectio Avellana

Dr Olivier Huck (Strasbourg):
The Sirmondian Constitutions

These seminars are supported by All Souls College and by a grant from Lewis Chester through the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity

Medieval Economic and Social History Seminar

Convenors: John Blair (Queen’s) and Ian Forrest (Oriel)

Wednesday 14 May (Week 4) at 5pm in the MacGregor Room, Oriel College

John Hines (Cardiff):
Sceattas and Scyllingas: coins and values in seventh-century Anglo-Saxon society
Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

Convenors: Dr. J.D. Howard-Johnston, Professor M. Lauxtermann, Dr M. Mango

Wednesdays at 5 pm in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles’. All sessions are in the lecture theatre on the ground floor except for those on 14 and 21 May.

Week 1  James Howard-Johnston:
23 April  Heraclius’ celebration and exploitation of victory

Week 2  Marc Lauxtermann:
30 April  Two manuscripts in search of an author: Vat.gr. 676 and John Mauropous, Bodl. Clarke 15 and Mark the Monk

Week 3  John Dillon (Dublin):
7 May  The religion of the last Hellenes*

Week 4  Andrew Wilson:
14 May  Bread and water: milling and baking in Roman and late Roman cities (to be held in first-floor seminar room, Ioannou Centre)

Week 5  Gilbert Dagron (Paris):
21 May  A propos du De Cerimoninis
(To be held in the New Seminar Room, St John’s College)

Week 6  Tassos Papacostas (London) and Maria Parani (Cyprus):
28 May  The monastery of St. John Chrysostom at Koutsovendis, Cyprus: history, architecture and painting

Week 7  Gyburg Radke (Berlin):
4 June  Late neo-Platonism*

Week 8  Cyril Mango:
11 June  Imagining Constantinople

* The seminars in Weeks 3 and 7 are held jointly with the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity, www.ocla.ox.ac.uk

The programme of seminars has been devised to include several topics of particular interest to Cyril Mango, who celebrated his eightieth birthday in April.

Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art seminar

Convenor: Dr Marlia Mango (St John’s College)

Wednesdays 12 noon, Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8
Institute of Archaeology, Seminar Room

Week 2  Dr Marlia Mango:
30 April  MM = the Forty Martyrs? Monks and the Military

Week 4  Dr Orit Peleg:
14 May  A Byzantine neighbourhood south of Temple Mount in Jerusalem: But where is the church?

Week 6  Dr David Milson
28 May  On the first-identified synagogue converted to a church in late antique Palestine

Week 8  Yaman Dalanay
11 June  From Ephesus to Ayasuluk: the transformation of a city between the eleventh and the sixteenth century

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. Members of the group agree what they want to discuss, from the whole field of Late Antiquity.

Anyone interested in joining the group (from inside or outside Oxford University) should contact Maria Kouroumalis <maria.kouroumalis@wolfson.ox.ac.uk>
Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period

Tuesdays at 2.15pm in the Oriental Institute except in weeks 2 and 3, which will be held in Examination Schools.

22 April (Week 1)
Dr Gaia Lembi (UCL):
Josephus on John Hyrcanus I

29 April (Week 2)
Professor Peter Schäfer (Princeton):
Jewish Cosmology in Rabbinic Literature
(Catherine Lewis Master Class: in Examination Schools)

May 6 (Week 3)
Professor Peter Schäfer (Princeton):
Enoch, Metatron, Jesus and the Unity of God
(Catherine Lewis Master Class: in Examination Schools)

May 13 (Week 4)
Professor James Charlesworth (Princeton Theological Seminary):
Rules for restoring lacunae in Qumran manuscripts

May 20 (Week 5)
Professor Daniel Boyarin (Berkeley):
Lucian, Petronius, and the genre of the Talmud

May 27 (Week 6)
Professor Chaim Milikowsky (Bar Ilan University):
Seder Olam within the twin contexts of Jewish historiography and Jewish exegesis in the Hellenistic-Roman period: the earliest rabbinic work?

June 3 (Week 7)
Dr Orit Peleg (Hebrew University of Jerusalem):
Reconstructing Herod’s ‘Stoa Basileia’

Patristic Graduate Seminar

Tuesdays at 5:00 pm, Lecture Room 2, Christ Church

Convenors: Mark Edwards and Yannis Papadogiannakis

22 April (Week 1)
Phil Booth (Cambridge):
Maximus Confessor and the End of the Late Ancient Holy Man

29 April (Week 2)
Keith Collins (Keble College):
A Man Bent on Unity: Sources of Authority in Ignatius of Antioch

6 May (Week 3)
Brendan Wolfe (Wolfson College):
What Kind of Discipline is Gothic Studies?

13 May (Week 4)
Alexis Torrance (Christ Church):
‘Bending the Knees of your Hearts’: Re-assessing Repentance in the Early Church

20 May (Week 5)
Michael Champion (King’s College, London):
Creation in Late Antique Gaza

27 May (Week 6)
Peter Schadler (Oxford):
The Concept of ‘Heresy’ in Late Antiquity With Special Reference to John of Damascus and his Treatise on Islam

3 June (Week 7)
Johannes Zachhuber (Trinity College):
Individuals in Gregory of Nyssa

10 June (Week 8)
Julia Konstantinovsky (Greyfriars):
The Role of the Intellect in Evagrius Ponticus