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 on the OCLA web-site:

www.ocla.ox.ac.uk

(where any up-datings will be posted)

Dr Elizabeth Zadora-Rio
(CNRS Tours)

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

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 letters’, 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
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

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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)
Étleva 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

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>