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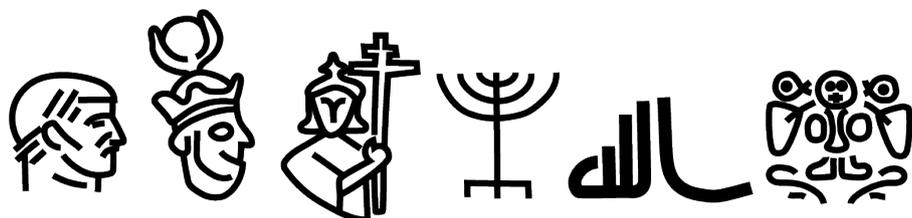
Listed here are the lectures, seminars and events on
Late Antiquity
in Oxford

Michaelmas term
(October - December)
2019

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

www.ocla.ox.ac.uk

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If you would like to inform us about the events in your organisation, or wish to be sent occasional emails detailing forthcoming events in Oxford, please email Vendi Jukić Buča to ocla@history.ox.ac.uk.

Oxford, October 2019.



Preface

For those new to Oxford or to OCLA, the OCLA term booklet lists the times, places, and schedules for all seminars, papers, and special events relevant to late antique studies for **Michaelmas Term 2019**. This information can also be found on www.oclax.ac.uk/home_eve.shtml.

We would like to take this opportunity to announce some changes to OCLA. After serving as Director of the Centre since its foundation, **Bryan Ward-Perkins** has this summer retired. He will be greatly missed, and on behalf of colleagues in OCLA we would like to thank him for his many years of service and leadership.

Phil Booth now takes over the role.

In addition, **Julia Lenaghan**, who has in past years served as Secretary to the Centre – and who has been responsible for the termly booklets, the email lists, and the website – will also step down from the role. We would also like to thank her for her enormous contributions to running OCLA, and to making it a success. The new Secretary will be **Vendi Jukić Buča**.

Enquiries or updates for OCLA can still be sent to oclax@history.ox.ac.uk.

Further information about the Centre, its mission, and its members can be found on www.oclax.ac.uk, but please note that next term we will launch a new and improved website. Information on that will follow as soon as it is ready.

In the meantime, best wishes for a happy Michaelmas Term,

Phil Booth
Vendi Jukić Buča

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Lectures and Events

New Critical Approaches to the Byzantine World Network
and the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research

Michaelmas Term
Joint Special Lecture

November 8
5.00 pm

Colin Mathews Room
TORCH
Radcliffe Humanities
Building

Followed by a
Drinks Reception

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National Byzantiums
Narratives of Empire
in the
Historiographies of
Southeastern Europe

Professor
Diana Mishkova
Director of the Institute
of Advanced Study, Sofia





Lectures and Events

Codex Zacynthius

Retracing the Words of Scribes and Early Christian Writers

A Seminar Day at Oriel College, Oxford

10.30am to 4pm, Tuesday 5th November 2019



10.30 The Project and the Manuscript
History of Research and the Biblical Text
14.00 The Catena and the Digital Edition
The Catena Commentary and its Sources

With lunch for participants who register in advance at
www.eventbrite.co.uk or by email to itsee@contacts.bham.ac.uk

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<https://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/itsee/news/2019/Codex-Zacynthius-Retracing-the-Words-of-Scribes-and-Early-Christian-Writers.aspx>

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A Study Day with Presentations on Codex Zacynthius: Retracing the Words of Scribes and Early Christian Writers

Oxford Study Day - Tuesday 5 November 2019

Codex Zacynthius, the oldest copy of the New Testament to be accompanied by a commentary, was rubbed out and written over in the Byzantine period. Using new imaging techniques, it has been possible to restore much of the original content (part of Luke's Gospel along with many excerpts from early Christian writers) in order to produce a complete electronic transcription which will be accompanied by studies of the manuscript. In this seminar, kindly sponsored by the Centre for the Study of the Bible in the Humanities at Oxford and the AHRC, members of the project will report on the findings of the project so far and consult with a range of potential users regarding the features of the planned digital edition and the interpretation of the manuscript, along with its significance for biblical and early Christian studies.

The study day will take place in Oriel College, Oxford. Participants are requested to book in advance on Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/codex-zacynthius-oxford-study-day-registration-73089519721>

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Seminars

Tuesdays

Seminar on Jewish history and literature in the Graeco-Roman Period

Convened by **Professor Martin Goodman**

Tuesdays from 2.15 to 3.45 PM in the Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

- (W3) 29 October **Martha Himmelfarb** (Princeton) ‘The Pseudepigrapha in Greek and Egyptian Judaism’
- (W4) 5 November **Hallel Baitner** (Oxford) ‘Levitical singers in rabbinic sources: echoes of an ancient dispute’
- (W5) 12 November **Marieke Dhont** (Cambridge) [LXX Forum] ‘The Septuagint in Ezekiel’s Exagoge’
- (W6) 19 November **Binyamin Katzoff** (Bar Ilan) ‘The Tosefta in the Cairo Geniza and European bookbindings’
- (W7) 26 November **Laliv Clenman** (Leo Baeck) ‘Midrash Torat Cohanim (Sifra) on intermarriage’
- (W8) 3 December **Vladimir Olivero** (Wolfson) [LXX Forum] ‘A genealogy of greed: Hesiod’s Theogony and the Greek translation of the Books of Proverbs’

 Of special interest

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Seminars

Wednesdays

Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

Convened by **Marek Jankowiak** and **Marc Lauxtermann**

Wednesdays at 5 PM, Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles'

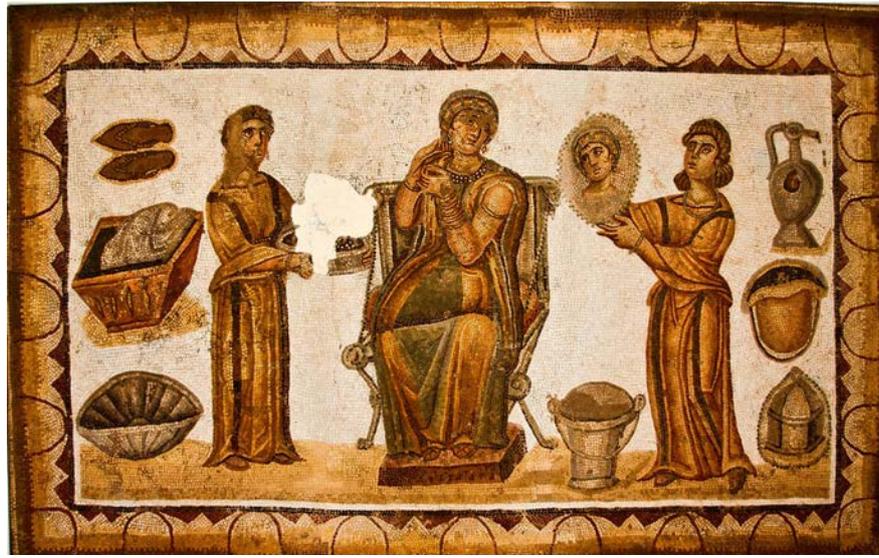
- (W1) 16 October **Mihail Mitrea** (Newcastle) 'Light and Fire: Hesychast hagiography and editorial practice in late Byzantium'
- (W2) 23 October **Ivan Drpić** (Pennsylvania) 'The fictive mosaics of medieval Serbia'
- (W3) 30 October **Ekaterini Mitsiou** (Göttingen) 'New approaches to the 13th century: Prosopography, networks and tree rings'
- (W4) 6 November **Chris Wickham** (Oxford) 'Commerce in Byzantium in the long eleventh century'
- (W5) 13 November **Jonathan Shepard** (Oxford) 'John Mystikos – an underrated envoy to Rus?'
- (W6) 20 November **Annika Asp** (Birmingham) 'From 'successor state' to 'empire'? The relationship between Trebizond and Constantinople during the Palaiologan period'
- (W7) 27 November **Gianfranco Agosti** (Rome) 'Seeing, reading and understanding a metrical inscription in late Antiquity'
- (W8) 4 December **Yannis Stouraitis** (Edinburgh) 'Representations of Romanness in Byzantine civil wars'

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Seminars

Thursdays



The Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art Seminar

Convened by **Ine Jacobs** and **Ida Toth**

Michaelmas Term 2019, weeks 1-8

Thursdays 11-12:30

6 Ioannou Centre, First Floor Seminar Room

- (W1) 17 October **Sophie Moore** ‘The Other Çatalhöyük: Historic Cemeteries and Cultural Memory’
- (W2) 24 October **Ivan Drpić** ‘Snatch Me Away from the Drunkenness of Passions’: Byzantine Devotional Pectorals and the Practice of Prosochē’
- (W3) 31 October **Manana Odisheli** ‘Georgia in Late Antiquity: Literary and Material Culture’
- (W4) 7 November **Elodie Powell** ‘Mosaics and Memory: Late Antique Figured Funerary Mosaics from North Africa’
- (W5) 14 November **Grace Stafford** ‘Adornment as Public Spectacle in Late Antique Art and Culture’
- (W6) 21 November **Rowena Loverance** ‘The Day the Sun Stood Still... Representations of Joshua in Late Antique, Byzantine and Crusader Art’
- (W7) 28 November **Kyriakos Fragoulis** ‘Economic and Urban Realities in Late Antique Dion (Greece) through the Ceramic Evidence’
- (W8) 5 December **Miroslav Vujovic** ‘Early Christian Burials in Sirmium: Recent Finds’

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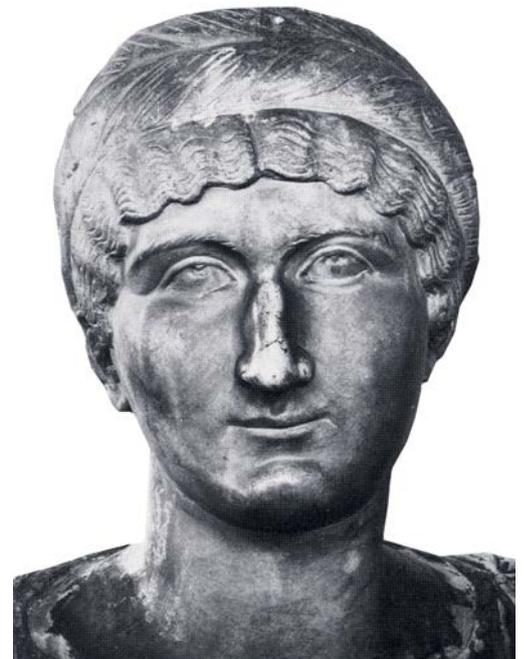
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Late Roman Seminar

Convened by **Conrad Leyser** and **Neil McLynn**
Corpus Christi, Seminar Room, Thursdays at 4.00 PM

- (W1) 17 October **Conrad Leyser** 'From Constantine to the Quinotaur: the Rise of Blood Kinship'
- (W2) 24 October **Philip Atkins** 'Theodosius I at Thessalonica, 379–380'
- (W3) 31 October **Miranda Williams** 'Administration and Historical Memory in the African Legislation of Justinian I'
- (W4) 7 November **Mattias Gassman** 'A feast of the genius of Carthage: paganism and civic life in Augustine, sermo 62'
- (W5) 14 November **John Whitty**, TBA
- (W6) 21 November **Joseph Lewis** 'Christian Building Patronage in Late (and Post-) Roman Gaul'
- (W7) 28 November **Christa Gray** (Reading) 'What to do with a dead saint? Jerome's Lives of Holy men and a fourth-century debate'
- (W8) 5 December **Catherine Conybeare** (Bryn Mawr) 'Augustine as Literature?'



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The Khalili Research Centre research seminar

Convened by **Alain Fouad George**, Thursdays at 5.15 PM, Lecture Room at The Khalili Research Centre, 3 St John Street, Oxford, OX1 2LG

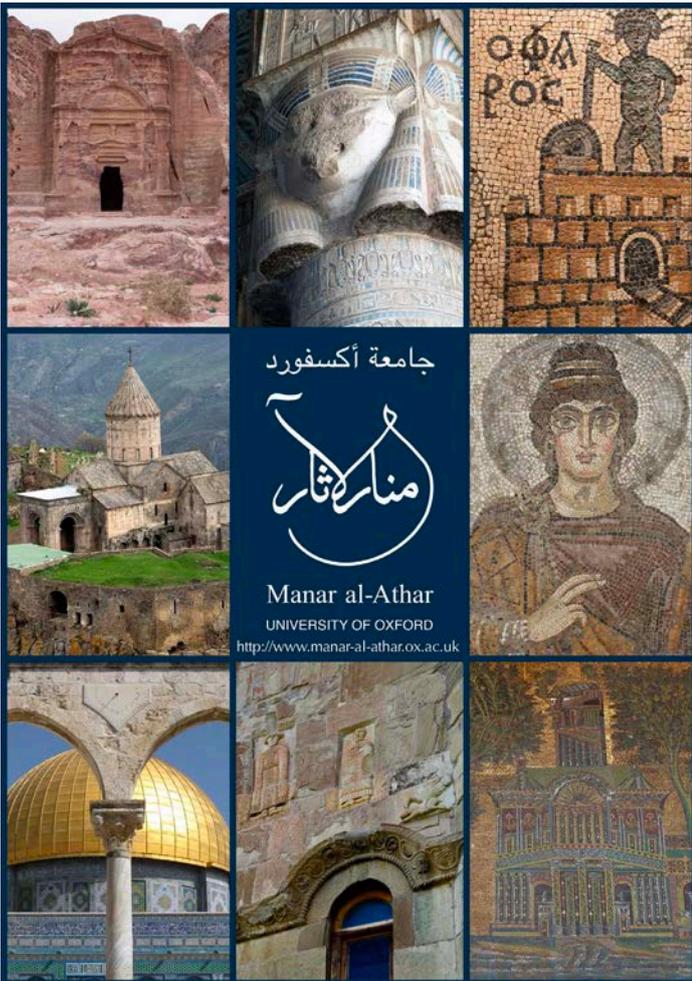
- (W1) 17 October **Marijn Van Putten** (Leiden University) ‘The Language of the Qur’an in light of the Arab Grammarians and Early Qur’anic Manuscripts’
- (W2) 24 October **Beatrice Leal** (University of Oxford) ‘The Great Mosque of Damascus and the medieval Islamic mosaic industry’
- (W3) 31 October **Eléonore Cellard** (Collège de France) ‘The archaeology of the San’a’ palimpsest: New reflections from the perspective of codicology’
- (W4) 7 November **Doris Behrens Abouseif** (SOAS) ‘The Management of Architectural Heritage in the Mamluk Sultanate’
- (W5) 14 November **Judith Olszowy-Schlanger** (University of Oxford) ‘Origins of Hebrew calligraphy: from Abbasid Baghdad to Fatimid Cairo’
- (W6) 21 November **Constant Hamès** (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales) ‘Manuscripts Coraniques de l’Afrique, une étude comparative’
- (W7) 28 November **Aila Santi** (American University of Beirut) ‘The ‘Mosque of the Prophet’ and Beyond: A Tentative Reconstruction of the Early Islamic topography of Madina al-Munawwara (622-750) Based on Written Sources’
- (W8) 5 December **Gulfishan Khan** (Aligarh Muslim University) ‘Artistic and Architectural patronage of the Mughal emperor Shah Jahan’

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Resources

Manar al-Athar open-access photo archive



The Manar al-Athar photo-archive, based at the University of Oxford, provides high resolution, searchable images for teaching, research, publication, and heritage work. These images of archaeological sites, buildings and artworks, cover the areas of the former Roman Empire which later came under Islamic rule (such as Syro-Palestine/the Levant, Egypt and North Africa), and adjoining regions, such as Armenia and Georgia. The chronological range is from Alexander the Great (i.e., from about 300 BC) through the Islamic period.

Manar al-Athar is Arabic for "Guide to Archaeology" and has been chosen because Manara, in Egypt, refers to both the Lighthouse of Alexandria (the Pharos) and to minarets. This conveys the transition, and often continuity, covered by the chronological range of the material.

The photo-archive is open-access so that it can be freely used by anyone anywhere in the world. Photographs can be freely downloaded as original high resolution images (tif images) without water marks, making them immediately available in a format suitable for publication or research, simply by acknowledging the source.

Current strengths include Late Antiquity (AD 250–750), the period of transition from paganism to Christianity and, in turn, to Islam, especially religious buildings (temples, churches, synagogues, mosques) and monumental art (including floor mosaics), early Islamic art (paintings, mosaics, relief sculpture), as well as Roman and early Islamic (Umayyad) architecture, and iconoclasm.

The Manar al-Athar photo-archive is in continuous development.

<http://www.manar-al-athar.ox.ac.uk>



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‘The Last Statues of Antiquity’ database



‘The Last Statues of Antiquity’ database is from 4 May 2012 accessible to all and fully searchable, with over 2600 individual entries. The database consists of the published evidence for statuary and inscribed statue bases set up after AD 284, that were new, newly dedicated, or newly re-worked. This database was completed and made public in May 2012 (with only some minor revisions thereafter).

<http://laststatues.classics.ox.ac.uk/>

‘The Cult of Saints’ database



The project maps the cult of saints as a system of beliefs and practices in its earliest and most fluid form, from its origins until around AD 700 (by which date most cult practices were firmly established): the evolution from honouring the memory of martyrs, to their veneration as intercessors and miracle-workers; the different ways that saints were honoured and their help solicited; the devotion for relics, sacred sites and images; the miracles expected from the saints.

Central to the project is a searchable database, on which all the evidence for the cult of saints will be collected, presented (in its original languages and English translation), and succinctly discussed, whether in Armenian, Coptic, Georgian, Greek, Latin or Syriac.

<http://cultofsaints.history.ox.ac.uk>



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