

OXFORD CENTRE FOR LATE ANTIQUITY



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

> Hilary term 2021-2022 (January - March)

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The only remaining chapel of the Basilica Santa Maria Formosa (on the LHS), Pula, Croatia (photo by Robert Jukić, from V. Jukić Buča <u>Late Antique and Early Medieval Finds from St Theodore's Quarter</u> <u>in Pula</u>, Archaeological Museum of Istria, Pula, 2021)





Preface

Dear all,

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy vacation, and welcome back. Below you can find the listings for all events related to the field of Late Antiquity which are occurring this Hilary Term. You will see that the long hoped-for return to normal service is slowly being realised, and please note those events which are occurring in person, online, or in hybrid format. As always, on behalf of members I would like to thank the organisers of seminars and other events, who have taken the time and effort to put together this rich schedule for us all.

Once again all the thanks for this booklet must go to Dr Vendi Jukić Buča for not only compiling but also designing it, along with the useful schedule which appears at the end. Those of you who want to advertise something which does not appear in the booklet, or who want to make any other enquiry, can contact Vendi at <u>ocla@history.ox.ac.uk</u>. Vendi is also responsible for the Centre's active <u>Facebook page</u>, which I encourage you to follow.

Finally, I would as always like to remind members, in particular postgraduates, that small grants are available to support events and activities in the field. Please see <u>www.ocla.ox.ac.uk</u> for details.

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Very best wishes to you all, and happy new year,

Phil Booth



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Impressum

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Contact us

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 <u>ocla@history.ox.ac.uk</u>.

Oxford, January 2022.



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Mondays

Medieval History Research Seminar

Mondays at 5 PM.

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Wharton Room, All Souls College & Microsoft Teams

This term the seminar will again be taking place in a hybrid format, with a physical meeting in the Wharton Room together with simultaneous interactive access via Microsoft Teams. It is likely that one or more meetings will be online only; details tbc on a weekly basis.

Attendance at the Wharton Room is by advance booking only as the room has a strict Covid-19 capacity limit. Seats will be released 1 week before each seminar.

Bookings can be made at <u>https://medieval-history-seminar.reservio.com</u>

The Teams session can be accessed by logging in to Teams with your .ox.ac.uk account and joining the group "Medieval History Research Seminar" (team code rmppucs). If you have any difficulties please email: medhistsem@history.ox.ac.uk

(W1) 17 January	Julia Smith (All Souls) 'In Search of Charlemagne's relic collection'
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(W4) 7 February	Julie Barrau (Cambridge) 'Compiling, creating, innovating: looking again at twelfth- century authorial practices'.
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(W8) 7 March	Nicholas Karn (Southampton) 'Memory and the dynamics of dispute in Anglo- Norman England'



Mondays

Oxford Byzantine Graduate Seminar

Mondays at 12:30-14:00 UK time, via Zoom.

To register, please contact the organiser at <u>james.cogbill@worc.ox.ac.uk</u>. Please note that there is no need to register if you have previously subscribed to the seminar mailing list.

(W4) 7 February	Becca Grose (Royal Holloway) 'Avitus of Vienne and Roman Approaches to Burgundian Royal Women: Ascetics, Virgins and Heretics'
(W5) 14 February	Marc Czarnuszewicz (St. Andrews) 'Manzikert 1071: The Arabic and Persian Poetry'
(W6) 21 February	Benjamin Sharkey (Oxford) 'The Minority Experience of a Central Asian Christian Community, Explored Through Syriac Gravestone Inscriptions (c. 1201-1345) from the Chu Valley, Kyrgyzstan'
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(W10) 21 March	Canan Arıkan (Vienna) 'Clerics and Building in Early Byzantine Inscriptions'
(W11) 28 March	Blake Lorenz (KU Leuven) 'The Epigraphy of the Dome of the Rock in Relation to the Sacred Landscape of Jerusalem'



Tuesdays

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

Convened by Martin Goodman & Alison Salvesen

Tuesdays at 2 PM Clarendon Institute

Of special interest

(W3) 1 February	[LXX Forum] Un Sung Kwak (Oxford) 'The integration of comedy and Jewish features in the story of the three bodyguards (1 Esdras 3:1-5:6): their purpose and function'
(W4) 8 February	Professor Philip Alexander (Manchester) 'Oral tradition and writing in the rabbinic culture of late antiquity: between Qumran and the Cairo Genizah'
(W5) 15 February	[LXX Forum] Professor James Aitken (Cambridge) 'The Septuagint within Greek education' [Grinfield Lecture]
(W8) 8 March	Dr Laliv Clenman (Leo Baeck College) 'Intermarriage and its punishments in rabbinic sources'



Wednesdays

Late Antique and Byzantine Studies Seminar – Special Series Procopius and the Language of Buildings

Convened by Marlena Whiting, Elodie Turquois & Max Ritter (University of Mainz) Ine Jacobs, Ida Toth & Marc Lauxtermann (University of Oxford)

Wednesdays at 5.30 pm (UK time).

Register in advance for this on-line series: <u>https://bit.ly/3I4MrZJ</u> [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/ register/tZEkdeuspz8jG9IfBfrd75k6qrxLyWtG_PAu] After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

(W1) 19 January	M. Whiting, E. Turquois, M. Ritter (Mainz and Halle) 'Introduction to the DFG project Procopius and the Language of Buildings'' Marlena Whiting (Mainz and Halle) 'Networks and the City: Building a network-based model of De Aed. I.'
(W2) 26 January	Elodie Turquois (Mainz) 'Reworking the Buildings: The shorter recension as a later epitom'
(W3) 2 February	Efthymios Rizos (Serres) 'Long Walls and Linear Barriers in the South Balkan Provinces'
(W4) 9 February	Jim Crow (Edinburgh) 'Procopius, De Aedificiis and Eastern Thrace: Is absence the highest form of presence?'
(W5) 16 February	Alkiviadis Ginalis (Istanbul) 'Procopius and the reflection of water landscapes in the 6th century'
(W6) 23 February	Olivier Gengler (Tübingen) 'Building Stories: Constantinople in Malalas and Procopius'
(W7) 2 March	Kerim Altuğ (Istanbul) 'Re-building Byzantium: Archaeological evidence on the construction activities under Justinian in Constantinople and its neighbourhoods'
(W8) 9 March	Miranda Williams (Oxford) "He restored all the dismantled fortresses in Libya" (Aed. vi.5.7): Reassessing the Justinianic fortification programme in North Africa'





Wednesdays

Seminar on the Saturnalia of Macrobius

Wednesdays at 12 Goodhart seminar room University College

Macrobius Ambrosius Theodosius, who may have come from Africa, was a *vir clarissimus et inlustris* who rose to high office in the first third of the fifth century. He was praetorian prefect of Italy in 430. He is known for three works: a work on the differences in verbal systems between Greek and Latin, a commentary on the *Dream of Scipio* and the *Saturnalia*.

Most of the seminar will be studying selected passages from the *Saturnalia*. The *Saturnalia* is divided into seven books and purports to be an account of convivial discussions among a group of learned members of the Roman nobility and scholars (philosophers, grammarians etc.) over the three days of the festival of the *Saturnalia*. It is a glorious *pot pourri* of literary criticism, philosophy, anecdote, jokes and philology. The last week of the seminar might be devoted to a paper or papers on a topic from the *Commentary on the Dream of Scipio* as a read across from the *Saturnalia*.

Our goal for the seminar is to bring together two different approaches to Macrobius—those who use him as a source for earlier works and those who study him as a late antique author—into dialogue with each other. We are therefore inviting papers which approach Macrobius from either of these angles.

The programme as it now stands is as follows:

(W1) 19 January	Katherine Krauss an overview of the state of affairs of Macrobian scholarship and the aims of the seminar.
(W2) 26 January	Michael Malone-Lee on the <i>proemium</i> and context of the symposium in the <i>Saturnalia</i> .
	Basil Nelis (Wolfson) on the discussion of slavery at Sat. 1.11.
(W3) 2 February	Vittorio Danovi (Lincoln) The discussion of Virgil as a temple and the origin of the 'Virgil as a pagan Bible' controversy in modern scholarship: book 1.24.1-24.
	Joshua Wellet (St John's) The relationship between fiction and philosophy in Macrobius' <i>Saturnalia</i> .
(W4) 9 February	Daniel Whittle (Hertford) on the discussion on jokes in book 2. [TBC] Mary Hitchman (Wolfson) on women in the <i>Saturnalia</i> .
(W5) 16 February	Ed Millband (Corpus, Cambridge) on luxury in Sat. Book 3.



(W6) 23 February	Nathaniel Hess (Trinity, Cambridge) on the comparison of Homer and Virgil in Book 5 and its legacy in the Renaissance.
	[Another speaker needed on Book 6.1.1-65: Virgil's use of earlier Roman authors or Book 7.1.1-3.24: Philosophy's place at the banquet]
(W7) 2 March	Marianna Leszczyk (Balliol) on the categorisation of dreams in the <i>Commentary on the Dream of Scipio</i> .
	Martina Carandino (St Benet's) on the hierarchy of virtues in the <i>Commentary on the Dream of Scipio</i> 1.8.
(W8) 9 March	Sarah Burges Watson [topic TBC]

There are still slots to be filled. Papers are invited to fill these slots. Papers can be short (20-25 minutes) or longer (35-40 minutes). It is not expected that those offering papers or attending the seminar will know much or anything about Macrobius. Part of the purpose of the seminar is to explore new and interesting pastures in Latin literature.

Attendance at this seminar counts towards the requirement for D. Phil. students in Classical Languages and Literature to attend at least two seminar series and to give a presentation in one of them.

If you feel moved to present a paper, please email Michael Malone-Lee or Katherine Krauss on: <u>Michael.Malone-Lee@univ.ox.ac.uk</u>. <u>Katherine.Krauss@some.ox.ac.uk</u>

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Macrobius presents his son, Eustathius, with a copy of his work from an eleventh century manuscript copy of Macrobius' commentary on the dream of Scipio



Thursdays

Late Roman Seminar

Convened by Conrad Leyser (History) & Mattias Gassman (Classics)

Thursdays at 4 PM on Teams.

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Link to MS Teams channel (includes readings): <u>https://bit.ly/3KizltR</u> [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/ team/19%3a51bb501c36f14b4c9f2c0bd9f152f605%40thread.tacv2/conversations?groupId=f4c0f545-f21d-4e58-af42-c2ed0e91355b&tenantId=cc95de1b-97f5-4f93-b4ba-fe68b852cf91]

Link to seminar meeting: <u>https://bit.ly/3HYx3xH</u> [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3a51bb501c 36f14b4c9f2c0bd9f152f605%40thread.tacv2/1641819090466?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22cc95de1b-97f5-4f93-b4ba-fe68b852cf91%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%223eaa6534-462c-4297-b7ed-a93e8053acdc%22%7d]

We continue 'hybrid' meetings. The seminar will meet in the Corpus Christi College Seminar Room. Presenters outside Oxford will ordinarily speak via MS Teams, and all sessions will be accessible online in real-time. Papers are pre-circulated on the MS Teams channel.

(W1) 20 January	Robin Whelan (Liverpool) 'Modestus at Edessa: imperial officials in the Ecclesiastical Histories of Rufinus, Socrates, Sozomen and Theodoret'
(W2) 27 January	Justine Potts 'Dirty habits: rethinking Foucault on confession in early Christian monasticism'
(W3) 3 February	Mattias Gassman 'Between pagan and Christian: thinking through religious difference and religious change with Augustine'
(W4) 10 February	Jonathan Wild 'The theatre of war: military narrative in Agathias' Histories'
(W5) 17 February	Marta Szada (Warsaw) 'Converting the kings: Avitus of Vienne, Leander of Seville and royal religious conversions'
(W6) 24 February	Alison John 'Education and power in late antique Gaul'
(W7) 3 March	Mark Vessey (British Columbia) 'What is and what happens in Jerome's catalogue of writers, the De illustribus viris / De scriptoribus ecclesiasticis?'
(W8) 10 March	Hindy Najman 'Concepts of nature in ancient Jewish texts from the Hellenistic period: philological and philosophical exploration'



Fridays

Late Antiquity at the Ancient Architecture Discussion Group

Organisers: Corso Dominici, Katherine Halcrow, Ruairi Matheson-kiernan, Kelly McClinton, Luca Ricci, Maria Tzeli & Nikki Vellidis

Fridays at 4 PM UK time.

VHH green seminar room in Lincoln College. If you want to attend in person please notify the organisers at <u>corso.dominici@arch.ox.ac.uk</u> Negaive test mandatory for in person attendace.

MS Teams at https://rb.gy/gmudag

(W3) 4 February	Alessandro Spadaro (Sapienza Università di Roma) i <i>n person/hybrid</i> 'Maxentian architecture at the villa of Maxentius on the via Appia: a diachronic study'
(W4) 11 February	Line Egelund (UrbNet, Aarhus University) <i>webinar</i> 'Reusing public space in Late Antique and Early Medieval Rome: Caesar's Forum'
(W6) 25 February	Lottie Molloy (University of Oxford) <i>in person/hybrid</i> 'Plants and Plans: How Archaeo-botanical Data Can Help Us Understand Room Function'
(W7) 8 March	Matteo Lombardi (Università di Ferrara) <i>webinar</i> 'Rethink, Reshape, Reinstate: 3D models as a bridge between space regeneration and cultural identity'



Piranesi's "view of an ancient roman sepulchre on the way to Tivoli" from 1784 "Le Antichità romane, opera del Cavaliere Giambattista Piranesi, architetto veneziano, divisa in quattro tomi", published in Rome by Stamperia Salomoni in Piazza Sant'Ignazio (after a first edition in 1756), and currently kept at the Universitätsbibliothek in Heidelberg, Germany.



Manar al-Athar open-access photo archive



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.

http://www.manar-al-athar.ox.ac.uk/index.html



'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.

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



EAMENA



Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa

Supported by the Arcadia Fund and the Cultural Protection Fund and based at the Universities of Oxford, Leicester, and Durham EAMENA was established in January 2015 to respond to the increasing threats to archaeological sites in the Middle East and North Africa. This project uses satellite imagery to rapidly record and make available information about archaeological sites and landscapes which are under threat.

EAMENA's spatial database will provide the fundamental information for each site, including the level of risk and how each site relates to one another. It will be accessible to all heritage professionals and institutions with an interest and passion for the wonderfully rich and diverse archaeological heritage of the Middle East and North Africa. Not all damage and threats to the archaeology can be prevented, but they can be mitigated and so at the core of our project is the desire for excellence in heritage management. To this end, EAMENA works with relevant authorities on the ground to limit likely damage, share information and skills, strengthen networks and raise awareness. Fieldwork and outreach are essential components of the project and the EAMENA team will target investigations to the most threatened sites, visiting (where possible) to assess site conditions, make detailed records and liaise with national authorities to share data and findings.

http://eamena.arch.ox.ac.uk/



Schedule

Michaelmas Term 2020-2021

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