



Conversion in Late Antiquity: Christianity, Islam, and Beyond

Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Sawyer Seminar

Opening colloquium

MBI Al Jaber Auditorium, Corpus Christi College
9 October 2009

2.00 pm: Arietta Papaconstantinou: opening remarks

2.15 pm: **Averil Cameron** (University of Oxford)

Late antiquity: a matter of size and shape

Chair: Jessica Ehinger (Mellon Scholar)

3.15: Tea/coffee break

3.45 pm: **Walter Scheidel** (Stanford University)

State Formation and Belief Systems in Eastern and Western Eurasia

Chair: Daniel Schwartz (Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow)

4.45 pm: **Vesna Wallace** (University of Oxford)

Religious Conversions of the Mongols: Past and Present

Chair: Konstantin Klein (Mellon Scholar)

5.45 pm: Neil McLynn: closing remarks

6.00 pm: Drinks reception

Followed by three study days and one workshop

Converting States on 16 January 2010

Converting Environments on 24 April 2010

Converting Identities on 2 July 2010

Thematic workshop on 3 July 2010



Ghazan Khan converts from Buddhism to Islam

Attendance is free, but those wishing to attend should register with Dan Schwartz <daniel.schwartz@orinst.ox.ac.uk>