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

Trinity term
(April - June)
2020

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

https://ocla.web.ox.ac.uk

The activities of the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity are made possible by the generosity of donors to the Centre.
Latest addition to the Manar al-Athar open access photo archive - 2000 new photographs of the Jordanian 'desert castles' now online!

Qasr al-Kharana - entrance - facing northwest

(Miranda Williams/Manar al-Athar)

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

Dear all,

Much has changed since we last sent out this booklet, and Hilary Term seems an age ago. The list of relevant events for members of OCLA in Trinity Term, which can be found below, is much reduced in current circumstances, and some relevant conferences and seminars (including the successor to the long-standing ‘After Rome’ series) will be reorganised once we are all able to gather again in person and to welcome guests. But in the meantime, we should all be very grateful to those convenors and speakers who have pressed ahead with virtual seminars, giving us a small taste of normality and an opportunity to see each other and to discuss on a regular basis. Details concerning how to access those seminars are included below.

Online resources are now more important than ever, and I would like to remind members that we have a new, much-improved website (https://ocla.web.ox.ac.uk/), where one can also access this booklet, read about the work of the Centre and its academics, and find opportunities for funding of events.

As always, we are all grateful to Vendi Jukić Buča for her excellent work in bringing this booklet together. If anyone wishes to add an event or seminar to the booklet or website, please contact Vendi at ocla@history.ox.ac.uk.

Stay safe and well, and I look forward to the time when we can all meet again.

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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 Buća to ocla@history.ox.ac.uk.

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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 (weeks 2–6).
[For information on how to join the seminar online, email martin.goodman@orinst.ox.ac.uk]

(W2) 5 May
Joel Korytko (St. Anne’s) [LXX Forum] ‘The “Law of the Land” in the land of the Lagides: the Old Greek Covenant Code and Graeco-Egyptian law’

(W3) 12 May
Adele Reinhartz (Ottawa) ‘The “Parting of the Ways” and the (a)symmetry of early Jewish-Christian relations’

(W4) 19 May
Katharina Keim (Lund) ‘Biblical women in late midrash: evidence of a narrowing androcentrism’

(W5) 26 May
Benjamin Williams (Oriental Studies) ‘What did the Rabbis know about grammar? Exegesis and grammatical gender in late antiquity’

(W6) 2 June
Katia Matusova (Tubingen) [LXX Forum] ‘The making of the theme of immortality in the Wisdom of Solomon’

Of special interest
Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

Convened by Marek Jankowiak and Marc Lauxtermann
Wednesdays at 5 PM (BST) on Teams – link here

(W2) 6 May  Ashlan Akışık (Wolfson) ‘Mehmed II’s Patria, Byzas’ Palace, and Ottoman Hellenism in the Fifteenth Century’

(W3) 13 May  Pamela Armstrong (Oxford) ‘The Transmission of Monumental Art: Travelling Saints and Monastic Networks’

(W4) 20 May  Alessandra Bucossi (Venice), title tbc

(W5) 27 May  Yannis Stouraitis (Edinburgh) ‘Representations of Romanness in Byzantine Civil Wars’


Etiquette:
• Talks will be 30–40 minutes long, followed by discussions without a precise time limit.
• Participants are asked to read pre-circulated material linked in the notices of meetings in Teams.
• Please join the seminar promptly.
• Please remember to mute your microphone and turn off the camera during the talk.
• Questions can either be posted on the chat or sent directly to the chair.

Conveners: Marek Jankowiak (marek.jankowiak@history.ox.ac.uk) and Marc Lauxtermann (marc.lauxtermann@exeter.ox.ac.uk)
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/
Resources

‘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
EAMENA

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

Hilary Term 2020

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