



The Nomadic World of Late Antiquity

Listed here are the lectures and seminars on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford between 4 October and 5 December 2008.

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:

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(where any up-datings will be posted)



**Afternoon Colloquium:
Saturday 4 October 2008**



Rainolds Room, Corpus Christi College, Oxford

- 2.00 pm **Rudi Lindner** (University of Michigan):
Sedentary Scholarship and Nomadic History
RESPONSE: **Peter Heather** (King's College, London)
- 3.30 pm Tea/coffee break
- 4.00 pm **Roger Batty** (Keio University, Tokyo):
After Rome and the Nomads
RESPONSE: **John Wilkes** (Oxford)
- 5.30 pm Reception

The colloquium is free, but you are asked to email
Neil McLynn <neil.mclynn@classics.ox.ac.uk> if you wish to attend.
The colloquium is organized by Neil McLynn with the support of Paul Pheby



(With the Seminar for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies)



SPECIAL LECTURE

Mark Vessey (University of British Columbia):

'Augustine's Literary Professions'

Wednesday 22 October 2008 at 5pm

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles', Oxford

(At 5p.m. on Thursday 23 October, Prof. Vessey will give a further paper on 'Cassiodorus and Late Roman Codex-Culture', at the Late Roman seminar, held in the Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College)

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SPECIAL LECTURE

Lotte Hedeager (University of Oslo):

*'Migration Period Scandinavia:
Cosmological and institutional invention'*

Wednesday 4 November 2008 at 4 p.m.

Lecture Room, Institute of Archaeology, 36 Beaumont Street, Oxford

(At 4p.m. on Friday 7 November, Professor Hedeager will give a further paper on 'Attila and the recasting of European social memory. The migration of motifs in material and immaterial cultures', also in the Lecture Room of the Institute of Archaeology)



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SPECIAL LECTURE

Zbigniew Fiema (University of Helsinki):

*‘Jabal Haroun: a holy mountain and
Byzantine monastery in South Jordan’*

Wednesday 12 November 2008 at 5pm

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles’, Oxford

(At 12 noon on the preceding day, Tuesday 11 November, Dr Fiema will give a further paper on ‘Remarks on the development and use of the colonnaded street in Petra’, at the Byzantine Art and Archaeology seminar, to be held in the Seminar Room of the Institute of Archaeology, 36 Beaumont Street)

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SPECIAL LECTURE

John Matthews (Yale):

*‘Reading the Mind of a Traveller:
The Cultural Landscape of the Bordeaux Itinerary’*

Wednesday 26 November 2008 at 5pm

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles’, Oxford

(At 5pm on Thursday 27 November, Prof. Matthews will give a further paper on ‘The Notitia Urbis Constantinopolitanae as an urban portrait’, at the ‘Late Roman Seminar’, held in the Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College)

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SPECIAL LECTURE

Clifford Ando (University of Chicago):

'Law's Empire'

Wednesday 3 December 2008 at 2 pm
Danson Room, Trinity College

(At 5pm on Thursday 4 December, Prof. Ando will give a further paper on 'Praesentia numinis: gods, objects and ritual in Christian apologetics', at the 'Late Roman Seminar', held in the Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College)

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Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

Convenors: James Howard-Johnston and Marc Lauxtermann

WEDNESDAYS at 5pm in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St. Giles, Oxford.

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| Week 1
15 October | Peter Frankopan:
<i>How should we read the Alexiad?</i> |
| Week 2
22 October | Mark Vessey:
<i>Augustine's Literary Professions</i>
(jointly with the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity) |
| Week 3
29 October | James Howard-Johnston:
<i>Theophanes and the Seventh Century</i> |
| Week 4
5 November | Olga Karagiorgou:
<i>Nikephoros Botaneiates and his era on the evidence of his lead seals</i> |
| Week 5
12 November | Zbigniew Fiema:
<i>The Jebel Haroun Project in Syria</i>
(jointly with the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity) |
| Week 6
19 November | Staffan Wahlgren:
<i>The Chronicle of the Logothete</i> |
| Week 7
26 November | John Matthews:
<i>Reading the Mind of a Traveller: The Cultural Landscape of the Bordeaux Itinerary</i>
(jointly with the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity) |
| Week 8
3 December | Georgi Parpulov:
<i>The Emperor Michael VII and His Manuscripts</i> |

Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art seminar

Conveners: *Georgi Parpulov, Lukas Amadeus Schachner*

WEDNESDAYS at 12 noon in Weeks 2–4 and 6–8
TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY at 12 noon in Week 5

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, First Floor Seminar Room
(except Tuesday 11 November)

- Week 2 **Dr Lukas Amadeus Schachner:**
22 October *From the olive to “Holy oil”*
- Week 3 **Dr Georgi Parpulov:**
29 October *The chronology of Sinai icons*
- Week 4 **Marlena Whiting** (Lincoln College):
5 November *Monastic hospitality in the Late Antique Holy Land*
- Week 5 **Zbigniew Fiema:**
TUESDAY *Remarks on the development and use of the colonnaded*
11 November *street in Petra*
NB different venue: Seminar Room of the Institute
of Archaeology, 36 Beaumont Street)
- Week 5 **Dr Agnes Vokaer** (Université Libre de Bruxelles):
WEDNESDAY *Production and Exchange in Byzantine Syria:*
12 November *the contribution of the ceramic studies*
- Week 6 **Elif Keser-Kayaalp** (Wolfson College):
19 November *Bēth Qadīshā and its significance in West Syrian monasteries*
- Week 7 **Simon Davies** (Lincoln College):
26 November *Aspects of secular sculpture in medieval Constantinople*
- Week 8 **Dr Theo Papaioannou:**
3 December *Reconstructing the trade patterns of Late Antiquity on the basis of ceramic evidence*

Late Roman Seminar

THURSDAYS at 5pm in the Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College

Convenors: Neil McLynn (Corpus Christi College)
Bryan Ward-Perkins (Trinity College)

- Week 1
16 October **No Seminar**
- Week 2 **Mark Vessey** (University of British Columbia):
23 October *Cassiodorus and late Roman Codex-Culture*
- Week 3 **Mark Humphries** (Swansea):
30 October *Ammianus, Constantius and the Fabric of Rome*
- Week 4 **Oliver Nicholson** (University of Minnesota):
6 November *Plaster Saints or Suicidal Loonies? Motives for Martyrdom in the Early Church*
- Week 5 **Bert Smith and Bryan Ward-Perkins** (Oxford):
13 November *An Introduction to ‘The Last Statues of Antiquity’ Project*
- Week 6 **Susannah Belcher** (Oxford):
20 November *Ammianus at the End: The Ending of the Res Gestae*
- Week 7 **John Matthews** (Yale):
27 November *The Notitia Urbis Constantinopolitanae as an Urban Portrait*
- Week 8 **Clifford Ando** (Chicago):
4 December *Praesentia Numinis: Gods, Objects and Ritual in Christian Apologetics*

Medieval Archaeology Seminar

Convenors: *Helena Hamerow & Lesley Abrams*

Mondays at 2pm in the Institute of Archaeology Seminar Room,
36 Beaumont Street

- Week 2 **Linzi Simpson:**
20 October *New evidence for early Viking-age Dublin from recent archaeological work*
- Week 4 **Simon Esmonde Cleary:**
3 November *Mogadishu minus machine-guns: fifth-century Britain as a 'collapsed state'*
- Week 6 **Chris Ferguson:**
17 November *Coastal transport and movement in sixth- and seventh-century Northumbria*
- Week 8 **Dr Tim Pestell:**
1 December *Bawsey – a 'productive' site in west Norfolk*

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>

Medieval History Seminars

The following two seminars (in the series convened by Professor Chris Wickham) will be held on Mondays at 5pm in the Wharton Room, All Souls College

Week 4 (Monday 3 November)
Helena Carr:
From Raetia Prima to Churraetia: The development of an early medieval Alpine Pass-State

Week 7 (Monday 24 November)
John Naylor:
Re-writing Dark Age Economics: emporia and exchange in early medieval Europe

Celtic Seminar

The following seminar (in the series convened by Professor Thomas Charles-Edwards and Patrick Wadden) will be held in the Memorial Room, Jesus College:

Week 1 (Thursday 16 October) at 3pm:
Professor Thomas Charles-Edwards (Jesus College, Oxford): *Brittany and the Franks in the sixth century*