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# Late Antiquity

in Oxford

between September and December 2018

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# LECTURES & EVENTS

Dr Konstantin Golev  
(Bulgarian Academy of Sciences)

## Facing the Steppe Winds

The Cuman-Qipchaq Frontiers with Rus' and  
Khwarazm compared



Tuesday, 23th October, 5pm

Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College

Followed by a drinks reception; all welcome

Convenor: Marek Jankowiak ([marek.jankowiak@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:marek.jankowiak@history.ox.ac.uk))

# LECTURES & EVENTS



OXFORD CENTRE FOR LATE ANTIQUITY

Please join us for a discussion to mark the publication of

## The Acts of the Second Council of Nicaea (787)

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*Translated with notes and an introduction  
by Richard Price*



The discussion will be led by  
Phil Booth, Marek Jankowiak and Richard Price

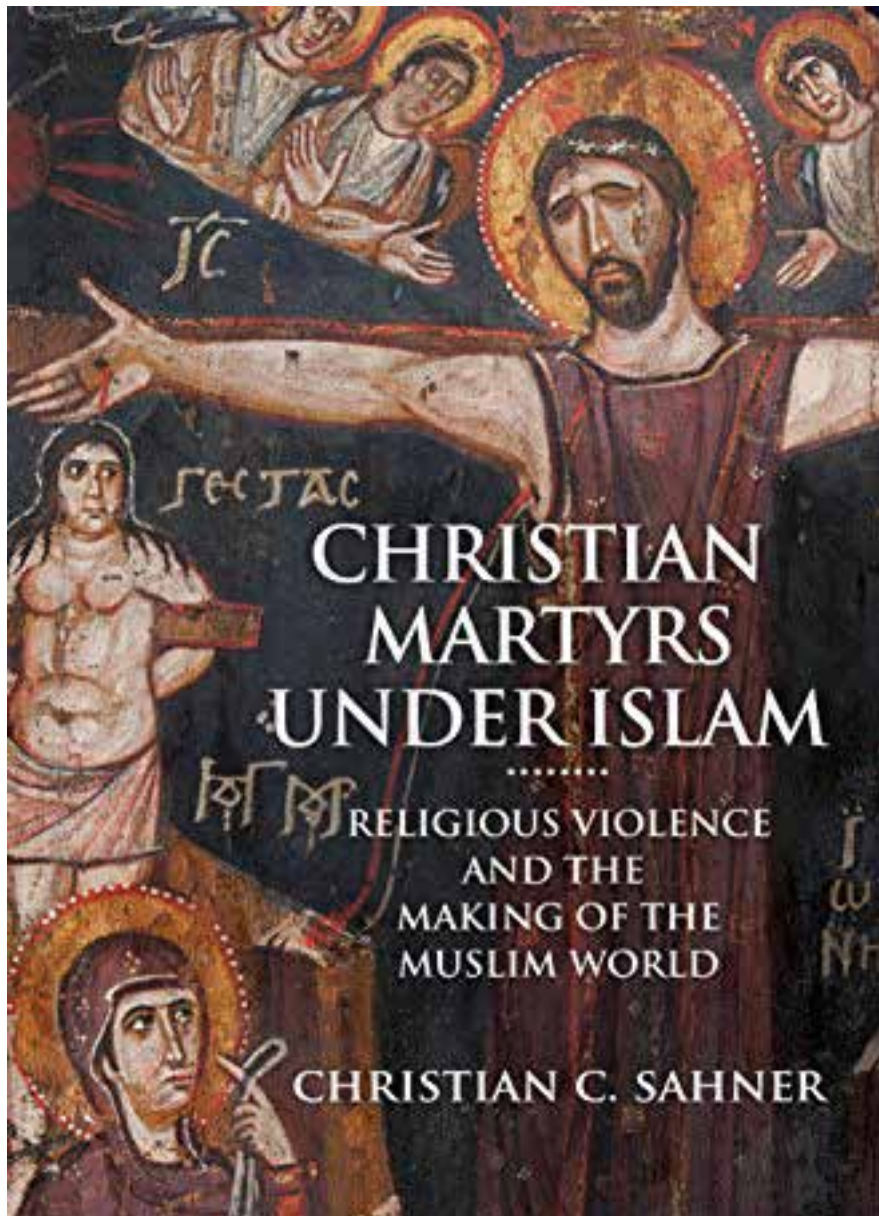
**FRIDAY 26 OCTOBER 2018**

Danson Room, Trinity College at 5pm  
The event will close with a celebratory drink

# LECTURES & EVENTS

OXFORD CENTRE FOR LATE ANTIQUITY,  
MIDDLE EAST CENTRE,  
& FACULTY OF ORIENTAL STUDIES

invite you to a panel discussion to mark the publication of



The discussion will be led by  
Phil Booth, Julia Bray and John-Paul Ghobrial

**TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2018**  
Investcorp Lecture Theatre, St. Anthony's College at 5pm  
The event will close with a celebratory drink

# LECTURES & EVENTS

## Conference on the topic of Resurrection in Patristic/Byzantine texts and iconography

on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018, in Rewley House, University of Oxford, room 310.

### The programme

9:30 – 10:00 Dr. Liviu Barbu, University of Cambridge, The ‘resurrection’ of one’s spirit and body in the tradition of spiritual formation”

10.30 – 11.00 Elena Ene D-Vasilescu, University of Oxford, “The *epektasis* and the exploits of the soul in Gregory of Nyssa’s *De anima et resurrectione*”

10.00 – 10.30 The Right Rev. Dr. Kallistos Ware, “What really happened at the Resurrection?”

11: 00 -11. 15 Break

11.15 – 11:45 Bogdan Draghici, University of Oxford, “A Medieval Syriac Synthesis: Bar `Ebroyo's teaching on the Resurrection”

11.45 – 12:15 Jonathan H. Young, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, “The Ascension of the Soul and the Body's Ethereal and Physical Resurrection in Origen's *Contra Celsum*”.

12.15 – 12:45 James Hyndman, Brookes University, University, “The archetypal idea of Resurrection”

12. 45 am - 1: 15 pm Diana Painca, University of Oxford, title TBA

1:15 Launch of Elena Ene D-Vasilescu’s two volumes published in 2018: *Heavenly sustenance in Patristic texts and Byzantine iconography. Nourished by the Word*, Palgrave, forthcoming 25 October 2018;  
<https://www.palgrave.com/gb/book/9783319989853>, and *Devotion to St. Anne from Byzantium to the Middle Ages* (ed.), Palgrave, 2018

And also the launch of the Festschrift for the Right Rev. Kallistos Ware on his 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary, edited by E. Ene D-Vasilescu, Scholars’ Press, 2018.

# SEMINARS Mondays

## MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY SEMINAR

MICHAELMAS TERM, 2018

MONDAYS, 3.00 IN THE INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY  
LECTURE ROOM



**Wk 2 15 OCT DUNCAN SAYER**

*EXCAVATIONS AT OAKINGTON EARLY ANGLO-SAXON  
CEMETERY: ANCIENT DNA, ENAMELLING AND SOCIAL  
INTEGRATION*

**Wk 4 29 OCT MARIANNE HEM ERIKSSON**

*THE LIVES AND DEATHS OF HOUSES IN IRON AND VIKING  
AGE SCANDINAVIA*

**Wk 6 12 Nov TBC**

**Wk 8 26 Nov ANDY SEAMAN**

*MANIFESTATIONS OF EMPIRE: HOW NEW APPROACHES TO  
POLLEN ANALYSIS CAN HELP US EXPLORE THE END OF  
ROMAN BRITAIN*

CONVENORS: H HAMEROW / A TEN HARKEL / J KERSHAW

# SEMINARS Mondays



The Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research  
The Bahari Lecture Series  
The Faculty of Oriental Studies

The Lorne Thyssen Research Fund  
Ancient World Cluster at Wolfson College



## The Crucible of Empire: The Sasanian World and its Religious Minorities

Michaelmas Term 2018

A weekly seminar will be held on Mondays (and two Tuesdays) at 5pm

at Wolfson College, Linton Road

All Welcome

Week 1 (Monday)	8 Oct	<b>Shai Secunda</b> (Bard College) <i>A Babylonian Babel: The Sasanians and the Crystallization of Judaism</i>
Week 2 (Monday)	15 Oct	<b>David Zakarian</b> (University of Oxford) <i>Resisting the Empire: Armenian Historiography of the Fifth Century</i>
Week 3 (Tuesday)	23 Oct	<b>Albert de Jong</b> (Universiteit Leiden) <i>Serial Orthodoxy: State, Faith and Power in the Sasanian Empire</i>
Week 4 (Tuesday)	30 Oct	<b>Simcha Gross</b> (University of California at Irvine) <i>Babylonian Jews as Sasanian Jews: The Politics of Accommodation</i>
Week 5 (Monday)	5 Nov	<b>Touraj Daryaee</b> (University of California at Irvine) <i>Sometimes the Empire Strikes Back: The Sasanian Empire and its Religious Communities</i>
Week 6 (Monday)	12 Nov	<b>Charles Häberl</b> (Rutgers University) <i>The Sasanian Role in the Mandaean World</i>
Week 7 (Monday)	19 Nov	<b>Phil Booth</b> (University of Oxford) <i>Chalcedonians and Severans in the Empire of Khusrau II</i>
Week 8 (Monday)	26 Nov	<b>Iris Colditz</b> (Freie Universität Berlin) <i>Strategies for Success: Manichaeism under the Early Sasanians</i>

### Conveners:

Sergey Minov (History) [sergey\\_minov@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sergey_minov@history.ox.ac.uk)  
David Taylor (The Oriental Institute) [david.taylor@orinst.ox.ac.uk](mailto:david.taylor@orinst.ox.ac.uk)  
Yuhan S.-D. Vevaina (The Oriental Institute) [yuhan.vevaina@orinst.ox.ac.uk](mailto:yuhan.vevaina@orinst.ox.ac.uk)

# SEMINARS Tuesdays

## SEMINAR ON JEWISH HISTORY AND LITERATURE IN THE GRAECO-ROMAN PERIOD

The following seminars will be held on **Tuesdays, 2.15-3.45 pm**,  
at the Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

Convenors: Professor Martin Goodman, Professor Jan Joosten and Professor Alison Salvesen

*\*items have special late-antique interest*

Week 1, October 9:

Dr James Aitken (Cambridge)

‘Homeric rewriting in Greek Sirach’ [Septuagint Forum]

\*Week 2, October 16:

Dr Marton Ribary (Manchester)

‘Rabbinic isolation in Roman times’

Week 3, October 23:

Professor Sarah Pearce (Southampton)

‘Cleopatra and the Jews’

Week 4, October 30:

Professor Jonathan Ben-Dov and Asaf Gayer (Haifa)

‘Prolegomena to the writings in cryptic script from Qumran ‘

\*Week 5, November 6:

Professor Galit Hasan-Rokem (Hebrew University)

‘Alexandria in the literary memory of the rabbis’

Week 6, November 13:

Dr Max Leventhal (Cambridge)

‘Quotations of the Septuagint in Eleazar’s exegesis of the Law (Arist. 130-171) [Septuagint Forum]

\*Week 7, November 20:

Professor Sir Fergus Millar (Brasenose)

‘The inscriptions of Judaea/Palaestina: where are we?’

\*Week 8, November 27:

Professor Willem Smelik (UCL)

‘ A new Aramaic fragment of the Toldot Yesu’



# SEMINARS Wednesdays

Roman Discussion Forum  
Wednesday at 1:00 pm

Week 1, 10 OCTOBER HAS LATE-ANTIQUUE FOCUS

**Andrew Wilson: *Water-powered marble sawing at Aphrodisias***

10 October, Wednesday @ 1PM, Roman Discussion Forum, Institute of Archaeology, 36 Beaumont Street



Lecture Room, Institute of Archaeology, 36 Beaumont Street

# SEMINARS Wednesdays

## Late Antique and Byzantine Studies Seminar

**Wednesdays, 5 pm,**

The Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles'

Week 1

(10 Oct) Professor Elizabeth Jeffreys

Byzantine literature in the Slavic world: serendipity or intention?

Week 2

(17 Oct) Dr Catherine Holmes

Centres, peripheries and networks: an impossible triangle to square in Byzantium?

Week 3

(24 Oct) Professor Jaś Elsner

Looking east: Christian art outside the world of Christian hegemony

Week 4

(31 Oct) Dr James Howard-Johnston

The typology of nomad empires

Week 5

(7 Nov) Professor Marc Lauxtermann

Story-telling east and west

Week 6

(14 Nov) Dr Phil Booth

Byzantium and the Miaphysite commonwealth

Week 7

(21 Nov) Dr Ida Toth

Antiquity and identity in Byzantine, Italian and Ottoman cultures

Week 8

(28 Nov) Professor Dame Averil Cameron

Empire and commonwealth today

# SEMINARS Thursdays

## BYZANTINE ART AND ARCHAEOLOGY A FRENCH PERSPECTIVE

Convenor : Vivien PRIGENT

Ioannou Centre, Basement Room 42

Thursday 11 AM

1/11 : **Ioanna Rapti**, Byzantine tradition, levantine audience and court culture: revisiting the Greek-Latin Hamilton psalter (Kupferstichkabinett 78.A.9)

8/11 : **Vera Tchentsova**, The later life of byzantine prophecies: the Klontsas manuscript in 17th century Russia.

15/11 : **Etleva Nallbani**, Early Medieval Albania : new archaeological evidence.

22/11 : **Vivien Prigent**, Byzantine administration in Africa: new evidence.

29/11: **Michel Kazanski**, The Eastern Roman Empire and the Barbarian peoples from the Northern and Eastern Black Sea regions (4th -7th c.)



# SEMINARS Thursdays

## LATE ROMAN SEMINAR

Thursdays 5.00 pm, Corpus Christi College  
Seminar Room – except Weeks 1 and 8

Week 1 (11 October) Andrew Wilson (Oxford)  
‘The walls of Carthage and the date of Augustine’s De Trinitate’  
**[Al-Jabar Auditorium]**

Week 2 (18 October) Marta Szada (University of Warsaw)  
‘Reading Eugippius in Theoderic’s Italy: the Life of Severinus and its political message’

Week 3 (25 October) Margaret Atkins (Boarbank Hall / Blackfriars)  
‘Augustine on Lying’

Week 4 (1 November) Julia Hillner (University of Sheffield)  
‘The cycle and the void: Writing Helena’.

Week 5 (8 November) Claire Hall (Oxford)  
‘Moses as prophet-sage in Philo and Origen’

Week 6 (15 November): Shunsuke Kosaka (Japan Society for the Promotion of Science)  
‘Ammianus Marcellinus, the old age of Rome, and the populus Romanus.’

Week 7 (22 November): TBC

Week 8 (29 November) Geoffrey Greatrex (University of Ottawa)  
‘How to interpret Procopius’ Persian tales.’  
**[Refugee Scholars’ Room]**

Conveners: Neil McLynn and Bryan Ward-Perkins

# SEMINARS Thursdays

**Khalili Research Centre. Research Seminar, Autumn**

**Thursdays 5:15pm at Wolfson College, Oxford OX2 6UD. All welcome**

Hassan Chahdi, The Qur'an, its Transmission and Textual Variants: Confronting Early Manuscripts and Written Traditions **(11 October)**

Sean Leatherbury, Intricate Geometries from Byzantine Church to Umayyad Palace: Motifs and Meanings in the Mosaics of Late Antique Syria **(18 October)**

Robert Schick, The Decline of Christianity in Southern Jordan after the Muslim Conquest **(25 October)**

**1 November : No seminar**

Ayda Kaplan, Syriac Calligraphy: Introducing a Neglected Field of Study **(8 November)**

Agnieszka Lic, Seventh- to Ninth-Century Churches in the Persian Gulf as 'Museums of Forms' **(15 November)**

Alastair Northedge, Dehistan: Archaeology of a Medieval Pilgrimage City **(22 November)**

Susana Calvo Capilla, The Artistic Undertakings of Caliph al-Hakam II in Cordoba **(29 November)**

*Free mini-bus service to Wolfson College departing every 20 minutes from the city centre. Last return service 6:40pm from Wolfson. For more information and a real-time tracker, please visit: <https://www.wolfson.ox.ac.uk/minibus>*

**For a programme with lecture abstracts, visit the KRC website (<https://krc.web.ox.ac.uk/homekrc>) or contact the seminar convenor, Prof. Alain George ([alain.george@orinst.ox.ac.uk](mailto:alain.george@orinst.ox.ac.uk))**

# SEMINARS Fridays

## **The Cult of Saints in the First Millennium**

Friday 5.00 – 7.00 pm, Weeks 3, 5, 7

Trinity College, Danson Room (W3, 5), Sutro Room (W7)

Convenor: Efthymios Rizos

Week 3 (26 October, Danson Room)

Book launch: Richard Price, *The Acts of the Second Council of Nicaea (787)*, Translated Texts for Historians 68, Liverpool University Press.

Week 5 (9 November, Danson Room)

Christodoulos Papavarnavas (Vienna and Oxford)

Prison Space and Holiness in Martyr Narratives: A Literary Approach to Greek Passions

Week 7 (23 November, Sutro Room)

Nikolaos Kälviäinen (Oxford)

Fluid textual traditions and untethered historical data: some philological problems of using martyrdom accounts as sources for cult

# FUTURE EVENTS

Gold Glass Memorial Day for Daniel T. Howells

27 April 2019

Ioannou Centre, Oxford

A conference in commemoration of the life and work of the late Dr Daniel Howells. Speakers, many of whom knew or worked with Dr Howells, will present papers on the art of ancient gold glass, its historical contexts and influence on later art.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gold-glass-conference-tickets-49383275707>