

Listed here are the lectures and seminars
on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford
between April and June 2011

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www.ocla.ox.ac.uk

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http://www.ocla.ox.ac.uk/home_eve.shtml

**Late Antiquity or Byzantium:
The parting of the ways, or the ways that never parted?**



Afternoon
Colloquium:
**Saturday
30 April 2011**
MBI Al Jaber
Auditorium,
Corpus Christi
College, Oxford

- 1.30 pm **Arnaldo Marcone** (Università degli Studi di *Roma 3*):
*Questions of Date: Late antiquity and its periodization(s):
the open questions*
RESPONSE: Paul Stephenson (Durham)
- 3.00 pm Tea/coffee break
- 3.30 pm **Peter Sarris** (Cambridge):
Questions of Economy: Landowners, peasants and the state
RESPONSE: Éric Rebillard (Cornell University)
- 5.00 pm **Judith Herrin** (King's College London)
*Questions of Culture: Christianization and the imperial legacy, east and
west*
RESPONSE: Yannis Papadogiannakis (Oxford)
- 6.30 pm Drinks Reception

*The colloquium is free, but those wishing to attend should register with Neil McLynn
<neil.mclynn@classics.ox.ac.uk>.*

*The colloquium is organized by Averil Cameron and Neil McLynn,
with the support of Paul Pheby.*

*This is a joint event between the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity (OCLA) and the
Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research (OCBR)*



Rabbis in Context: Text and Archaeology in Late Antique Palestine



Afternoon Colloquium: Tuesday 3 May 2011 (First Week)

Sutro Room, Trinity College

3.30 pm Hayim Lapin (Maryland): "Becoming Provincials: Rabbis in Roman Palestine"

Response: Catherine Hezser (SOAS)

4.55pm: *Tea/coffee break*

5.15 pm Jodi Magness (Chapel Hill): "Going in Circles: Synagogues and Jewish Diversity in Late Antique Palestine"

Response: Fergus Millar (Oxford)

6.40pm: *Wine Reception*

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The colloquium is organized by Alison Salvesen and Neil McLynn with the support of Paul Pheby

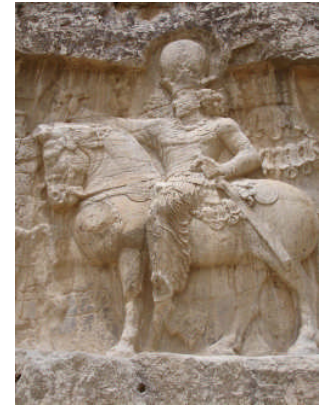


With the support of the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research

Economy and Society in Late Sasanian and Early Islamic Iraq

COLLOQUIUM
Saturday 14 May 2011
9.30 am–6 pm

Danson Room, Trinity College, Oxford



Michele Campopiano (Utrecht): *Land tax and water: patterns of surplus extraction and distribution and the evolution of water management organization in early medieval Iraq (fifth–tenth centuries)*

Touraj Daryaee (UCLA): *Marriage, Property and Conversion among the Zoroastrians (6th–10th CE)*

Michael Morony (UCLA): *The death of Yazdgard III: a problem in Sasanian historiography*

Richard Payne (Mount Holyoke and Trinity College, Cambridge): *Province and Empire: northern Mesopotamian aristocracies in the sixth century*

Parvaneh Pourshriati (Ohio State): *Judeo-Parthian Relations and the Northern Trade Route in Late Antiquity*

Michael Bonner (Oxford): *Problems in Iranian Society from Peroz to Kavad*

Khodadad Rezakhani (LSE): *Collapse and regional flowering: agriculture and economic change in late Sasanian Khuzistan and Bactria*

Fanny Bessard (EPHE-Sorbonne, Paris): *Urban economic growth in the early Islamic Near East (7th–9th centuries) and the asserting of power: theoretical approaches, field research and written documents*

Berenike Walburg (St Andrews): *Commerce in the Middle East between the 7th and 9th centuries according to the Syriac Law Books*

Convener: Hugh Kennedy (SOAS). The colloquium is free of charge; but it is essential, if you wish to attend, to register by email to <elif_keser@yahoo.com>

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The special lecture by
Tomas Hägg
on *Porphyry's Plotinus*
(due to take place on Wednesday 8 June 2011)
has been **CANCELLED**

“Saint John the Baptist and his Cults”

Friday 24 June 2011

St John's College, from 10.30am

This colloquium has a very strong late antique component
(with papers by Sebastian Brock, Georges Kazan, and
David Taylor).

Towards a Poetics of Late Latin Poetry

Special lecture by **Professor Marc Mastrangelo**
(Dickinson College)

Monday 6 June 2011 at 5pm
in the first floor seminar room of the Ioannou Centre.
All welcome

Conveners: Chris Pelling and Tobias Reinhardt

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**Rulers and the
Patronage of
Buildings in the
5th- and 6th-century
Mediterranean**

Saturday 11 June 2011

Danson Room,
Trinity College

10 am–6 pm

Cyril Mango and Marlia Mundell Mango (Oxford University): *Imperial vs. non-imperial Building for a Renewed Roman Empire – in the Capital and on the Frontier*

Franzo Alto Bauer (Ludwig-Maximilians Universität, München): *City without Emperor: Imperial Patronage in Late Antique Rome*

Yuri Marano (Università degli Studi di Padova): *The Building Activity of Theoderic and Art Patronage in Ostrogothic Italy*

Anna Leone (Durham University):
The End of Roman North Africa: Kings, Emperors and Power

Javier Arce (Université Charles de Gaulle, Lille III): *Royal and Ecclesiastical Evergetism in Visigothic Spain (5th–7th centuries A.D.)*

Andrea Augenti (Università di Bologna a Ravenna): *Concluding Remarks*

Convener: Yuri Marano. Attendance is free but space is limited and it is essential to have registered with <yuri.marano@classics.ox.ac.uk>

This event is funded through the generosity of John Beale



711: Reassessing the Arab conquest of Spain in its 1300th anniversary year

Friday 17 June 2011

Lecture Room, Institute of Archaeology
(36 Beaumont Street)



- 9.30 **INTRODUCTION**
- 10.00–11.00 **FIRST SESSION**
Eduardo Manzano (CSIC, Spain): *The Arab conquest of Spain*
Nicola Clarke: *title to be confirmed*
- 11.20–12.20 **SECOND SESSION**
Laura Carlson: *Negotiating the borderlands: Frankish-Iberian relations in the wake of 711*
Graham Barrett: *Latin letters under Arab rule*
- 13.00–14.00 **THIRD SESSION**
Javier Martínez: *Changing urban monumentality: Visigoths vs. Umayyads*
Erica Buchberger: *Gothic identity before and after 711*
- 14.20–15.20 **FOURTH SESSION**
Robert Portass: *The non-impact of 711 in Gallaecia*
Chris Wickham: *Economy and trade after 711* (provisional title)
- 15.20 **CONCLUSIONS**

All are welcome and attendance (including a sandwich lunch) is free, but it is essential to register with Javier Martinez <javier.martinez@arch.ox.ac.uk>

Continuity and Destruction in Alexander's East: The Transformation of Monumental Space from the Hellenistic Period to Late Antiquity

International conference, 6–7 May, 2011

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

Alexander the Great's campaigns from Greece to India brought a vast, disparate region together under a shared cultural umbrella on a scale and at a speed that had not been seen before. This conference will explore the ways in which this cultural hegemony was expressed, or deviated from, by the many peoples and powers that lived in the Hellenized parts of Asia Minor, Egypt, and the Levant – specifically, how this expression was manifested in changes and use of monumental space from the early Hellenistic period (4th century BCE) to the Arab conquests (7th century CE).

Full details at <http://www.arch.ox.ac.uk/continuity-and-destruction.html>

Convener: Marlena Whiting.

Deadline for Registration: **1 May 2011**

Speakers include:

- Dr John Ma (Corpus Christi College, Oxford)
- Andrea U. De Giorgi (Case Western Reserve University)
- Salvatore Vacante (Universita' Degli Studi di Genova)
- Jessica Nitschke (Georgetown University)
- Claudia Bührig (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut, Berlin)
- Mike Coleman (Victoria University of Wellington)
- Rob Rens (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
- Shirin Atris (UAE University)
- Craig Barker (The University of Sydney)
- Gaëlle Coqueugnot (Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris)
- Sidsel Maria Westh-Hansen (University of Aarhus)
- Elizabeth Brophy (Keble College, Oxford)
- Tiffany Chezum (Exeter College, Oxford)
- Jennifer T. Westerfeld (University of Louisville)
- Ildiko Csepregi (Central European University, Budapest)
- Sean Leatherbury (Corpus Christi College, Oxford)

Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

A weekly seminar will be held on **Wednesdays** at **5 pm** in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles.

4 May (Week 1)

Bryan Ward-Perkins (Trinity):

The End of a Civilisation? Germanic West and Arab East Contrasted

11 May (Week 2)

Jaś Elsner (Corpus Christi)

With **Leslie Brubaker** (University of Birmingham):

Iconoclasm as Discourse: From Antiquity to Byzantium

18 May (Week 3)

Mary Whitby (Merton):

Between Gregory of Nazianzus and Manuel Philes: George of Pisidia on human life

25 May (Week 4)

Marek Jankowiak (Newton Fellow, Wolfson):

Were Heraclius' ecclesiastical unions successful? Retracing the beginnings of the Monothelete controversy

1 June (Week 5)

Cyril Mango (Exeter) **and others**:

Late Roman and Byzantine Archaeology and Art at Oxford: past, present and future

8 June (Week 6)

Mark Whittow (Corpus Christi College):

The Late Antique Economy and the End of Civilization

(Thomas Hägg's Special Lecture, scheduled for this time, has been **CANCELLED**)

15 June (Week 7)

Alexei Lidov (Moscow State University):

The Holy Fire. The Pascal miracle in Byzantine and Latin visual culture

22 June (Week 8)

Sean Leatherbury (Corpus Christi):

Inscriptions and their frames in late antique churches: forms, functions, meanings

Convener: Mark Whittow

Seminar in Byzantine Art and Archaeology

Thursdays 12noon–1pm at the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles'

5 May (Week 1)

Jeremy Johns (Wolfson College):

Muslim Artists and Christian Art in the Painted Ceilings of the Cappella Palatina, Palermo

12 May (Week 2)

Mark Jackson (University of Newcastle):

Recent Excavations of the Byzantine Settlement at Kilise Tepe

19 May (Week 3)

Angeliki Lymberopoulou (Open University):

Who, Where, Why and How? Four Basic Steps in Fresco Decoration on Venetian-Dominated Crete

26 May (Week 4)

Bryan Ward-Perkins (Trinity College):

Excavating 'Byzantine' Luna, 30 Years on

2 June (Week 5)

Richard Marks (University of Cambridge):

The 'Afterlife' of the Icon of the Mother of God of Vladimir

9 June (Week 6)

Helen Whitehouse (Oriental Institute):

A Unicorn amidst the Birds and Beasts: An Unusual Drawing on an Oxyrhynchus Papyrus

16 June (Week 7)

Ioanna Christophoraki (Academy of Athens):P

A Tale of Two Icons: St Martin and Madonna with St Francis

23 June (Week 8)

Peter Frankopan (Worcester College):

Byzantine Sigillography

Conveners: Lukas A. Schachner and Georgi R. Parpulov

Byzantine Church History Seminar

Thursdays of Weeks 1–5, 2:15–3:30pm

Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane: Lecture Room 2 (2nd Floor)

Note change of venue

5 May (Week 1)

Irene Kukota (Wolfson):

Calcatio colli as an Iconographic Element of Christ's Descent into Hades

12 May (Week 2)

David Taylor (Oriental Institute):

Return to Eden? The changing theology and mapping of Paradise in Syriac literature

19 May (Week 3)

Maja Kominko (Theology Faculty):

Ugly as Sin: Monsters and Barbarians in Late Antiquity

26 May (Week 4)

Jane Baun (St Benet's Hall):

Gregory the Great between East, West and the End

2 June (Week 5)

Julia Konstantinovskiy (Christ Church):

Praxis and contemplation in the Byzantine tradition – the case of Evagrius and Maximus

Conveners: Dr Jane Baun, Dr Julia Konstantinovskiy,
Dr Meredith Riedel <meredith.riedel@orinst.ox.ac.uk>

Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research (OCBR) Annual Lecture and Drinks Party

Wednesday 6 July 2011 at 3pm

MBI Al-Jabar Lecture Theatre Corpus Christi College

Michael Jeffreys: *Eighty thousand lumps of illegible lead: how should Byzantine seals be studied, and what results might be expected?*

(preceded by a brief introduction to the OCBR by Averil Cameron and Peter Frankopan)

Syriac Studies Graduate Seminar

Mondays, 5–6 pm in Lecture Room 2, Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane

9 May (Week 2)

Simon Ford:

Translating the Faith: Scholarship and Rhetoric in the Canons Ascribed to Maruta of Maipherqat

23 May (Week 4)

Nikoloz Aliksidze:

'Illuminating this Northern Land of Ours': The Role of Syriac in the Caucasian Church Traditions

20 June (Week 8):

Dr Alison G. Salvesen:

Biblical and Secular Learning in the Work of Jacob of Edessa

Further information at http://www.ocla.org.uk/pdf/seminar_syriac_studies.pdf

OU ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN STUDENT SOCIETY

Professor Sebastian Brock

St Isaac the Syrian: a seventh-century saint for today

Tuesday 24 May 2011, 7pm in the Sutro Room, Trinity College.
The talk is open to anyone, and entry is free.

Late Antique and Byzantine Reading Group

This informal group of postgraduates and early career researchers will meet in Trinity Term 2011 on Friday of 2nd, 4th, 6th, and 8th Week, 5–6.30pm in the New Seminar Room, St John's College.

All are welcome, refreshments provided.

Email michael.stawpert@history.ox.ac.uk for more information.

After Rome: Aspects of the History and Archaeology of the 5th to 7th Centuries

Thursdays at 5pm in the Sutro Room, Trinity College

5 May (Week 1)

Khodadad Rezakhani (LSE):

Agriculture, commerce, and growth: the Sasanian economy in the late antique world, 500–700

12 May (Week 2)

Marek Jankowiak (Oriental Institute, Oxford):

All Christians under my authority should hold the faith of Armenia: Khusro II and the Churches

19 May (Week 3)

Peter Talloen (University of Kent):

The Christianization of Pisidia

26 May (Week 4)

Renan Baker (Classics, Oxford):

Written in stone: Theoderic Augustus and imperial propaganda in Ostrogothic Italy

2 June (Week 5)

Shane Bjornlie (Claremont McKenna College, California):

The last of the Romans: Cassiodorus between Rome, Ravenna and Constantinople

9 June (Week 6)

Konstantin Klein (Classics, Oxford):

In search of Lot's wife: old and new saints for Jerusalem

16 June (Week 7)

Nicolai Sinai (Oriental Institute, Oxford):

Towards a contextual reading of the Qur'anic corpus: promises, problems, and pitfalls

23 June (Week 8) [*Paper by Arezou Azad postponed*]

Two short papers, and round table discussion led by James Howard-Johnston, on 'The 7th Century: Arab Conquests and Byzantine Resilience'. Papers by Phil Booth on 'The Islamic Conquest of Egypt', and Marek Jankowiak on 'Theophanes' mistake: Was Constantinople besieged for seven years?'

Conveners: James Howard-Johnston, Bryan Ward-Perkins

Patristics Seminar

Tuesdays at 5pm in Christ Church

3 May (Week 1)

Mark Edwards:

One Nature or Two in the Incarnate Christ?

10 May (Week 2)

Stephen Hammer:

Augustine and the Ethics of Secular Duty

17 May (Week 3)

Judith Kovacs:

In Defence of Works: Clement of Alexandria's Response to Valentinian Exegesis of Paul

24 May (Week 4)

Jarred Mercer:

Hilary of Poitiers and the Christ of Scripture

31 May (Week 5)

Kenneth Wilson:

Augustine and the Freedom of the Will

7 June (Week 6)

Paper by Tomas Hägg on the *Life of Antony* has been **CANCELLED**

14 June (Week 7)

Hywel Clifford:

Jewish Monotheism and Early Greek Philosophy: the Patristic Evidence

21 June (Week 8)

Christopher Hays:

Wealth Ethics in pre-Constantinian Roman Christianity

Convener: Mark Edwards

Body and Soul in late Antiquity: historical and philosophical perspectives

Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity, Corpus Christi College
Tuesdays of Weeks 2–8, 5–6:30pm, in the Seminar Room

10 May (Week 2)

Gillian Clark (Bristol):

Soul Food: philosophy and dietary prescriptions in late antiquity

17 May (Week 3)

Jim Hankinson (Austin Texas):

Diseases of the Body, Diseases of the Soul: Galen on pathology and psychophysical interaction

24 May (Week 4)

Jaś Elsner (Oxford):

Sarcophagi, Rhetoric and Shifting Paradigms of Praise

31 May (Week 5)

George Boys-Stones (Durham):

Numenius and the Second Soul

7 June (Week 6)

Philip Van der Eijk (Humboldt University, Berlin):

Health of the soul, health of the body: Greek medical ideas on health and well being and their reception in early Christian thought

14 June (Week 7)

Ed Watts (Indiana):

Rearing Souls: The discourse of the soul in late antique education

21 June (Week 8)

Frans de Haas (Leiden):

Functions of Aristotle's phantasia: between picture-gallery and workroom

The seminar meetings will be followed by drinks, to which everyone is welcome. After the seminar the speaker will be dined in College; College members are welcome to join in, if they wish.

The conveners, Neil McLynn and Anna Marmodoro, gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the John Fell Fund, the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity, the Faculty of Philosophy, and the Corpus Christi Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity.

Book Production in the Byzantine World

Colloquium, **Saturday 4 June 2011**, 9:30am–6:00pm

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

This scholarly gathering is intended to pave the way for an interdisciplinary history of the book in Byzantium. Over the past decade, significant advances have been made in this field by identifying groups of interconnected manuscripts. These discoveries now need to be fitted into a larger framework; the patronage and production of books ought to be discussed in a broader, diachronic perspective. The colloquium will bring together palaeographers, philologists and art historians with the aim of surveying the current state and future directions of research.

Attendance is free and open to the public. For more information please contact georgi.parpulov@history.ox.ac.uk

Opening Remarks: **Nigel Wilson** (Oxford)

Lukas A. Schachner (Oxford):

Book Production in the Late Antique Mediterranean

Alessia A. Aletta (Rome):

Luxury Books in Tenth-Century Constantinople

André Jacob (Rome):

De l'onziale à la minuscule dans l'Italie méridionale, VIII^e–XI^e siècle

Zaza Skhirtladze (Tbilisi):

Georgian Books Copied in Eleventh-Century Constantinople

Karin Krause (Basel):

Images of Inspiration and the Authority of the Book

Marc Lauxtermann (Oxford):

Authors and Their Manuscripts in Eleventh-Century Constantinople

Elizabeth Jeffreys (Oxford):

Aristocratic Book Patronage in Twelfth-Century Byzantium

Daniele Bianconi (Rome):

Scholarly Book Production and Restoration in the Early Palaeologan Period

Concluding Remarks: **John Lowden** (London)

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

Tuesdays at 2.30 pm in the Faculty Room of the Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane
(except for the *two* events on Tuesday 3 May)

3 May (Week 1) – ROOM 314 OF THE ORIENTAL INSTITUTE AT 2PM

Sarah Pearce (Southampton University):

De Decalogo: Philo as Interpreter of the Ten Commandments

There is also the following additional event organized by the Centre for Late Antiquity:

3 May (Week 1) – TRINITY COLLEGE AT 3.30 PM:

Rabbis in Context

An afternoon colloquium

with papers by **Jodi Magness** and **Hayim Lapin**

10 May (Week 2)

Naama Vilozny (Hebrew University of Jerusalem):

Jewish Magic Art in Late Antiquity between Babylonia and Palestine.

17 May (Week 3)

Eran Almagor (Hebrew University of Jerusalem):

Josephus and Persia

24 May (Week 4)

Yossi David (Oxford):

The End of Kinship – Understanding Incest within the Jewish Theological Framework

Convener: Professor Tessa Rajak

EXTRA SEMINAR

14 June (Week 7), 2.30–4 pm, in Room 314, Oriental Institute

Yonatan Adler (Bar Ilan University):

Towards establishing a meaningful dialogue between archaeology and Talmudic texts

Latin Manuscript Books Prior to the Ninth Century: Ways of Using *Codices Latini Antiquiores*

E. A. LOWE LECTURES IN PALAEOGRAPHY 2011:

Mondays at 5pm in Weeks 2, 3, and 4

MBI Al Jaber Building, Corpus Christi College

David Ganz

(Emeritus Professor of Palaeography, King's College, London):

9 May (Week 2)

Evaluating the Evidence

16 May (Week 3)

Scribes and their Patrons

23 May (Week 4):

Half-Uncial Scripts

Late Antique Latin Poetry: Reading and discussion group

Thursdays at 5pm

in the Fraenkel Room, Corpus Christi College

Anyone interested in joining this group is very welcome to attend, or
to email Jesús Hernández Lobato in advance:

jesus.hernandezlobato@classics.ox.ac.uk

Eleventh International Congress of Demotic Studies

Merton College, Oxford
30 August until 3 September 2011

Registration is still open.

Demotic is the name given to a stage of the ancient Egyptian language and the highly cursive script in which it was written. These were in use for more than 1000 years, between the 7th century BCE and the 5th century CE. In terms of subject matter, Demotic Studies overlaps with a number of other fields, including Greek Papyrology, Coptic Studies, and the History of Egypt in Late Antiquity.

For further details about the event, including a list of participants registered so far, titles and abstracts of papers, and information about how to register, please visit the Congress website:

http://www.orinst.ox.ac.uk/conferences/11th_demotic_congress/index.html

LATE ANTIQUITY AND EARLY ISLAM: CONTINUITY AND CHANGE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Scholars and students in Oxford are collaborating with others in Leiden, Princeton and Paris in this international research project.

The second of three round table discussions

“Minorities: legal, cultural and economic perspectives”

(organized by Robert Hoyland)

will be held in Oxford on **28–30 September 2011**

<http://eurasianstates.org/foi/antiquity.php>

For further information please contact
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Anyone wishing to give a paper should contact
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David Taylor <david.taylor@orinst.ox.ac.uk>

The first round table on “Authority and control in the countryside” was held in Leiden on 13–19 September 2010, and the third, on “Political legitimacies between Late Antiquity and Early Islam” will be held in Paris in 2012.