



SPECIAL LECTURE

Oded Irshai

(The Hebrew University of Jerusalem):

*'Blood in the Streets: Jewish-Christian
Violence in Early Fifth-Century Alexandria'*



Alexandria as shown on a sixth-century mosaic in Jerash

Wednesday 29 May 2013 at 5pm

The Buttery, Wolfson College, Oxford

At 2.30pm on Tuesday 28 May, Professor Irshai is also delivering a seminar paper on 'The Paradigm of late-antique Rabbinization' at the Seminar on Jewish History and Literature in the Graeco-Roman Period, held in the Oriental Institute.

Listed here are the lectures and seminars
on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford
between April and June 2013

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The details of all these events are also
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Changes will inevitably take place as term progresses, so
there will be a link to an updated version of this booklet here:

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

Conference: Celtic Legal Procedure

Thursday 9 May 2013 (Week 3 of Trinity Term)

Habakkuk Room, Jesus College, Oxford

09:00–09:30 Welcome Note & Opening Speech

SESSION 1: Chaired by Prof. Liam Breatnach

09:30–10:15 **Mr Fern Qiu Fangzhe** “Legal Narrative and Law: a study of the first part of *Din Techtugud* (On Legal Entry)”

10:15–11:00 **Ms Hanne-Mette Alsos Raae** “Legal Entry for Women in Early Medieval Ireland”

11:00–11:30 TEA

SESSION 2: Chaired by Ms Jaqueline Bemmer

11:30–12:15 **Ms Riona Doolan** “The Legal Procedure with Regard to Milling Rights in *Coibnes Uisci Thairidne* (Kinship of Conducted Water)”

12:15–13:00 **Dr Christopher Guy Yocum** “Pledges and Sureties in *Finnruih Fithail* (The Fair Stream of Fithail)”

13:00–14:30 LUNCH

SESSION 3: Chaired by Prof. Emeritus Thomas Charles-Edwards

14:30–15:15 **Prof. Christophe Archan** “The Five Paths to a Judge: an Interpretation of *Cóic Conara Fugill* (Five Paths to Judgement)”

15:15–16:00 **Mr Lee Ramsay** “Wild animal values and legal entitlement: beaverskin-mania in late medieval Britain”

16:00–16:30 TEA

SESSION 4: Chaired by Prof. Emerita Wendy Davies

16:30–17:15 **Prof. Fergus Kelly** “Procedure in Early Irish Law: The Role of Witnesses”

17:15–18:00 **Prof. Soazick Kerneis** “Procedure in the *Excerpta de Libris Romanorum et Francorum*: the Role of Witnesses”

18:00 Closing Remarks

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All welcome!

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Byzantium and the West: Byzantine Spain

Saturday 11 May 2013 (Week 3 of Trinity Term)

Wharton Room, All Souls College, 10am–5pm

A one-day colloquium on the Provincia Spaniae based on historical and archaeological evidence. Convener: Javier Martínez

Morning Session (Chairman: Philip Niewöhner, University of Oxford)

10.00–10.05 Welcome

10.05–10.25 **Cyril Mango** (University of Oxford): *The Spanish Emperors at Constantinople*

10.25–10.45 **Robert Portass** (University of Oxford): *The Byzantine Province in Spain and the Construction of the Visigothic Kingdom*

10.45–11.30 Questions, followed by coffee break

11.30–11.50 **Sonia Gutiérrez** (University of Alicante): *The episcopal complex of Eio–El Tolmo de Minateda (Hellín, Albacete, Spain). Architecture and spatial organization. 7th to 9th centuries AD*

11.50–12.10 **Michael Decker** (University of South Florida): *Networks and eastern trade in late antique Spain*

12.10–12.30 **Carlos Cabrera** (University of Oxford): *Was Seville controlled by Byzantium?*

12.30–13.00 Questions

Afternoon session (Chairman: Javier Martínez, University of Oxford)

14.00–14.20 **Margarita Vallejo** (University of Alcalá): *Málaga, the second great city of Byzantine Spain. An analysis of historical sources*

14.20–14.40 **Jaime Vizcaíno** (University of Murcia): *An archaeological model for early Byzantine Spain*

14.40–15.00 **Isaac Sastre** (CSIC): *What is Byzantine in late antique Spain?*

15.00–15.55 Questions, followed by coffee break

15.55–16.15 **José María Tejado** (University of Oxford–MEC): *Byzantine influences in the Meseta through the archaeological record: A case of architectural study in Visigothic military hill forts (Iberian Range)*

16.05–16.35 **María de los Ángeles Utrero** (CSIC): *Byzantine attributes of Early Medieval Hispanic churches. Looking for reasons*

16.35–17.00 Questions, followed by brief break

17.00 Final Remarks: **Chris Wickham** (University of Oxford)

The colloquium cost is £5.00 per head (a sandwich lunch and coffee will be included). Space is limited: please register with Javier Martínez <javier.martinez@arch.ox.ac.uk>. Organised by Jose María Tejado, Carlos Cabrera and Javier Martínez; with the support of Chris Wickham and Marlia Mango

The Heraclians: a dynasty from within

Two day-colloquium on Friday 31 May and Saturday 1 June 2013

Friday, Session I: Emperors and Empire

- **James Howard-Johnston** (Oxford): *To be arranged*
- **Douglas Whalin** (Cambridge): *On the Back Foot: Imperial Grand Strategy in the Age of Constans II*
- **Marek Jankowiak** (Oxford): *Constantine IV – Self-Confidence Regained*
- **Michael Humphreys** (Cambridge): *Justinian II and Christocentric Kingship*

Friday, Session II: The Dynasty in Letters

- **Mary Whitby** (Oxford): *To be arranged*
- **Jessica Ehinger** (Oxford): *‘One of Our Own’: Memories of Heraclius in Variant and Non-Christian Traditions*
- **T. J. MacMaster** (Edinburgh): *In a Mirror Darkly: Heraclius and Constans II in the Frankish ‘Chronicle of Fredegar’*
- **Marc Lauxtermann** (Oxford): *Herakleios and the Siege of 717: Forgotten Emperors and Misunderstood Events in the Liturgical Calendar of Constantinople*

Friday, Session III: Reflections of the Régime

- **Elizabeth Jeffreys** (Oxford): *To be arranged*
- **Elodie Turquois** (Oxford): *Theophylact Simocatta’s Ecumenical History: A Cautionary Tale for Heraclius*
- **Caterina Franchi** (Oxford): *Mirror, Mirror on the Wall: the King, the Antichrist and the Last Emperor*

Friday, Session IV: Material Manifestations

- **Sean Leatherbury** (Oxford): *Cross-Cultural Crosses: Heraclius, Khusro II, and the Art of the Cross in the Early Seventh Century*
- **Ida Toth** (Oxford): *To be arranged*
- **Philipp Niewöhner** (Oxford): *Anatolian Urbanism at the Crossroads: Antiquarianism versus Christianization*

Saturday, Session V: Ecclesia, Ecclesiae

- **Phil Booth** (Oxford): *The Heraclian Crisis and the Making of Byzantine Monasticism*
- **Richard Price** (London): *The Heraclian Dynasty and the Unity of the Church*
- **Simon Ford** (Oxford): *Trends in Seventh Century Canon Law*

Saturday, Session VI: Governance and the Provinces

- **Miranda Williams** (Oxford): *The Exarchate of Africa in the 7th Century*
- **Federico Montinaro** (Paris): *Less is More: Designing a Simpler Empire under the Heraclians*
- **Elizabeth Buchanan** (Oxford): *Egyptian in Seventh Century CE: a Cross-Cultural Approach to a Difficult Century (What Coptic Papyri tell us that the Greek Papyri do not)*
- **Thomas Brown** (Edinburgh): *Servilis Provincia and Res Publica Sacra Revisited: Fresh Thoughts on Allegiance and Resistance to the Heraclian Dynasty in Italy 610–711*

Organizing Committee: Simon Ford, Caterina Franchi,
Douglas Whalin <theheraclianidnasty@gmail.com>

Graduate Colloquium in Late Ancient, Byzantine, and Early Medieval History

Princeton–Oxford–Vienna Graduate Exchange in Late Roman, Byzantine, and Early Medieval History

Oxford meeting: Friday 17 and Saturday 18 May 2013

St John’s College, New Seminar Room

The Transformation of Elites

We are now in the third year of an exchange programme with the Universities of Princeton and Vienna. The purpose of the exchange is to enable doctoral students from the three institutions to make contact, to share their work, and more broadly to ‘compare notes’ on their experience and formation.

The colloquium is open to all, free of charge. Please note that there is a reading pack of precirculated materials. If you wish to attend and to receive this, please e-mail graham.barrett@sjc.ox.ac.uk

Friday 17 May

2.00–3.30: Session I

- **George Woudhuysen** (Oxford): *‘Eunuchs, parasites and informers? The supporters of Constantius II’*
- **Elizabeth Buchanan** (Oxford): *‘Who were the Elites with regard to Byzantine Egyptian and Gazan Loans?’*
- **Alexandra Jesenko** (Vienna): *‘The Delegate of the dux and his Interaction with the Local Population in Byzantine Egypt’*

3.30–4.00: Tea

4.00–5.45: Session II

- **Paolo Tedesco** (Vienna): *‘State, Armies, and Taxes in late Roman and post-imperial Italy (AD 400–550)’*
- **Glenn McDormann** (Princeton): *‘Classical Education, Political Culture, and the Transformation of Elites in the Post-Roman West’*
- **Maya Maskarinec** (Vienna): *‘Saints for the Occasion: Two Dedications by Theodotus holim dux nunc primicerius s(an)c(t)ae sedis apostolicae in mid-eighth-century Rome’*

Saturday 18 May

9.00–10.45: Session III

- **Jaqueline Sturm** (Princeton): *‘From Provincial Town to Metropolitan See: the Episcopal Complex in Aquileia in the Fourth Century’*
- **Matthieu Pignot** (Oxford): *‘Constructing a new elite: social tensions around baptism in Augustine’s writings’*

- **Jasmin Widauer** (Vienna): *'Love, Responsibility, and Visions: Sibling Relationships in Selected Patristic Texts from the third to the sixth century'*
- **Molly Lester** (Princeton): *'God's Enemies and God's Anointed: Transformations in Kingship in seventh-century Visigothic Iberia'*

10.45–11.15: Coffee

11.15–12.45: Session IV

- **Meg Leja** (Princeton) *'Food for the Soul: Handbooks pro salute for the Carolingian Elite'*
- **Rutger Kramer** (Vienna): *'Justified and Ancient: The Carolingian Episcopacy and the Use of the Bible in the Relatio Compendiensis'*
- **James Norrie** (Oxford): *'Monastic lordship in the post-Carolingian kingdom of Italy: From Landscape to Liturgy in tenth-century Bobbio'*

12.45–2.15: Lunch

2.15–3.45: Session V

- **Ian Ward** (Princeton): *'Richer of Reims, Thietmar of Merseburg, and post-Carolingian identities'*
- **Lee Mordechai** (Princeton): *'When moneychangers and caulkers rule the Roman Empire ...'*
- **Dominik Heher** (Vienna): *'Playing by the rules of the game: possibilities and limitations of victory celebrations in Byzantium'*

3.45–4.15: Tea

4.15–5.00: Concluding Session

Through the Magnifying Glass: Small Finds and the Big Gap in the Byzantine Settlement History of Miletus and Ephesus

Saturday 1 June 2013 (Week 6 of Trinity Term), 9am–6pm
Brasenose College, Lecture Room XI

This one-day conference focuses on the Big Gap or so-called Dark Age that separates Late Antiquity and the middle Byzantine period and forms one of the most pressing problems of Byzantine archaeology and historiography. Convener: Philipp Niewöhner.

9:00 Introduction

Session 1: Stratigraphy and Coins: Defining the Gap.

Chair: **Mark Whittow** (Corpus)

9:20 **Philipp Niewöhner** (Brasenose): *The Late Antique and Byzantine Stratigraphy of Miletus: the Topography of the Gap*

10:00 **Yaman Dalanay** (Oxford): *The Late Antique and Byzantine Stratigraphy of Ephesus*

Session 2: Approaching the Gap. Late Antique Ceramics and Glass from Miletus I

Chair: **John Hayes** (Oxford)

11:00 **Alice Waldner** (ÖAW-Institute for the Study of Ancient Culture, Vienna): *Ceramics, Glass, and the Late Antique Renovation of the Southern Baths at Miletus*

11:40 **Nico Schwerdt** (Humboldt University Berlin): *Ceramics, the Late Antique Renovation, and the Abandonment of the Baths of Faustina at Miletus*

Session 3: Miletus II and Ephesus

Chair: **Pamela Armstrong** (Oxford)

1:00 **Veronika Sossau** (University of Innsbruck): *Ceramics and Glass from Late Antique contexts of a House next to the Temple of Athena at Miletus*

1:40 **Sabine Ladstätter** (Austrian Archaeological Institute, Vienna): *Faint light on the Dark Ages at Ephesus*

2:20 **Ebru Findik** (Hacettepe University Ankara): *Middle Byzantine Ceramics from Ephesus*

Session 4: Miletus and Ephesus in Context. Chair: **Linda Hulin** (Oxford)

3:40 **Alice Waldner** (ÖAW-Institute for the Study of Ancient Culture, Vienna): *The Ceramics from Miletus and Ephesus in Comparison*

4:20 **Pamela Armstrong** (Oxford): *From Late Antique to Middle Byzantine Ceramic Production in Asia Minor: Miletus in Context*

Session 5: Western Anatolia in Context. Chair: **Marlia Mango** (St John's)

5:00 **John Hayes** (Oxford): *Comments on 'Dark Age' Pottery*

5:30 **Marek Jankowiak** (Oxford): *Seventh-century Bishop Lists, Arab Invasions, and the Decline of the Urban Network in Anatolia*

Please register: <philipp.niewoehner@arch.ox.ac.uk>.

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Morning coffee, sandwich lunch, and afternoon tea.

After Rome Seminar: Aspects of the History and Archaeology of the Fifth to Seventh Centuries

THURSDAYS at 5pm in Trinity Term 2013 in the Danson Room, Trinity College

25 April (Week 1)

Erica Buchberger (History Faculty, and University College):

Romans, barbarians and Burgundians in early Burgundian law

2 May (Week 2)

Morgan Dirodi (History Faculty, and St Cross College):

Building comparisons: the christianization of the sacred topography of Jerusalem and Jerash

9 May (Week 3)

Ariane Bodin (Paris-Ouest Nanterre):

Augustine's Letter 46 and the equivocal relationship of Christians with paganism and pagans

16 May (Week 4)

Jairus Banaji (SOAS):

The Sasanian aristocracy in the seventh century

23 May (Week 5)

Elizabeth Buchanan (History Faculty, and Christ Church):

Life, law and the case of the missing carats: loans in the late-antique Mediterranean

30 May (Week 6)

Ilya Yakubovich (Philipps-Universität Marburg):

Early Slavs through post-Roman eyes: when linguistics can help the historian

6 June (Week 7)

Judith McKenzie and team (Classics and Oriental Studies, Oxford):

Introducing the 'Manar al-Athar open-access photo-archive' of monuments and art of the Near East (300 BC to the present)

13 June (Week 8)

Louise Blanke (University of Copenhagen):

Changing cityscapes: daily life and the use of space in late-antique Jerash

Conveners: James Howard-Johnston and Bryan Ward-Perkins

Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

WEDNESDAYS at 5 pm in Trinity Term 2013

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66, St Giles', Oxford
(*Please note the different arrangements for Week 5*)

24 April (Week 1)

Brigitte Pitarakis (CNRS, Paris):

The Fear of Evil in Early Byzantine Society: The Power of Amulets and Jewellery

1 May (Week 2)

Jeffrey Featherstone (CNRS):

The Great Palace of Constantinople: Tradition or Invention?

8 May (Week 3)

Vujadin Ivanisevic (Archaeological Institute, Belgrade):

Caricin Grad – Justiniana Prima? New research on the topography of an early Byzantine metropolis

15 May (Week 4)

Thomas F. Mathews (Institute of Fine Arts, NYU):

The Cult of Images in the Era Before Iconoclasm

22 May (Week 5)

Zbigniew Fiema (University of Helsinki):

The Earthquake of 363 in Petra: Some New Considerations

This seminar will take place in the Al-Jaber Auditorium, Corpus Christi College

29 May (Week 6)

Holger Klein (Columbia University, New York):

Sensing the Sacred: Relics and the Rhetoric of Enshrinement

5 June (Week 7)

Elizabeth Jeffreys (Exeter College):

Why write fiction in Byzantium?

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12 June (Week 8)

Ortwin Dally (German Archaeological Institute, Rome):

Pagan statues in late antiquity – a case study: the baths of the empress Faustina at Miletus

Conveners: Marc Lauxtermann and Mark Whittow

Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art Seminar

THURSDAYS in Trinity Term 2013, 11am–12:30pm
St John's College, North Seminar Room

25 April (Week 1)

Dr Philipp Niewöhner (Brasenose):

The processional ivory at Trier, Empress Irene and the church of St Euphemia at the Hippodrome

2 May (Week 2)

Professor Michael Decker (Florida):

Egyptian wine in the Late Antique economy

9 May (Week 3)

Javier Martínez (Lincoln) and **Dr Isaac Sastre de Diego** (Mérida):

The results of the 2012 excavations at Casa Herrera, Mérida, Spain

16 May (Week 4)

Dr Nikos Kontogiannis (23rd Ephorate of Byzantine Antiquities, Chalkida):

The Chalcis Treasure re-examined: contextualising minor objects from the medieval Aegean

23 May (Week 5)

Professor Robert Hohlfelder (Boulder):

The fortunes of Caesarea Maritima's harbours in Late Antiquity: riches to ruins

30 May (Week 6)

Fabian Stroth (Heidelberg):

Monogram capitals in Hagia Sophia, Istanbul

6 June (Week 7)

Professor Ross Burns (Sydney):

What future for Syria's past?

13 June (Week 8)

Dr Andrea Zerbini (London):

Quantifying the village economy: reflections on the extent and capabilities of cash crop production in the Limestone Massif of northern Syria (IV–VII c.)

Conveners: Dr Marlia Mango (St John's) and Dr. Philipp Niewöhner (Brasenose)

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

TUESDAYS, 2.30–4pm in Trinity Term 2013
Oriental Institute

The seminars in Weeks 2, 6 and 8 are those that relate to Late Antiquity

30 April (Week 2)

Professor Jim Davila (St Andrews):

Translating the Hekhalot literature

7 May (Week 3)

David Friedman (Wolfson):

Josephus on the Jews' Egyptian origins

14 May (Week 4)

Jonathan Davies (Lady Margaret Hall):

Josephus, Rome and Divine Intervention: the case of Gaius Caligula

21 May (Week 5)

Professor John Barclay (Durham):

Justice and Mercy: 4 Ezra and the Second Temple debate concerning Divine Grace

28 May (Week 6)

Dr Oded Irshai (Hebrew University):

The paradigm of late antique rabbinization

11 June (Week 8)

Dr Aron Sterk (Manchester):

CANCELLED

Conveners: Martin Goodman, Geza Vermes, and Alison Salvesen

Patristic and Late Antique Seminar

TUESDAYS, 4.30–6.00pm in Trinity Term 2013
Seminar Room, Theology Faculty Annexe, 41 St Giles', Oxford

23 April (Week 1)

Professor Gillian Clark (Emerita, Bristol):
Deorum cultores: Augustine's Pagans

30 April (Week 2)

Dr Mark Edwards (Oxford):
Some Religious Phenomena of the Age of Constantine

7 May (Week 3)

Justin Grove (Oxford):
An Apology for an Apologist: in Humiliation or Humility? Assessing Augustine's Epistemological Project within De Trinitate

14 May (Week 4)

Scott Ables (Oxford):
Tradition in John of Damascus: a Creative and Adaptive Orthodoxy

21 May (Week 5)

Dr Julia Hudson (Oxford):
Augustine on Christ and History in De Trinitate

28 May (Week 6)

Professor Guy Stroumsa (Oxford):
Judaeo-Christianity and the Origins of Islam

4 June (Week 7)

Dr Elena Ene D-Vasilescu (Oxford):
Gregory Nazianzen on 'the manner of generation'

11 June (Week 8)

Dr Jonathan Kirkpatrick (Oxford):
Biblical Interpretation and the Survival of Paganism in Late Antique Palestine

Convener: Dr Stan Rosenberg

Khalili Research Seminar

TUESDAYS 2.00–4.00 pm in Trinity Term 2013
Lecture Room, Khalili Research Centre, 3 St John Street, Oxford

The seminars in Weeks 1, 2 and 8 are those that relate to Late Antiquity

23 April (Week 1)

Harry Munt:
Why write local history in the early Islamic centuries?

30 April (Week 2)

Mahmoud Hawari:
Hishām's Palace in context: landscape archaeological survey and excavations in the hinterland of Khirbat al-Mafjar

7 May (Week 3)

Umberto Bongianino:
Fāṭimid architecture in Cyrenaica: David Whitehouse's excavations at Ajdābiya

14 May (Week 4)

Michael Macdonald:
Ignorance on the internet. A new corpus of Jāhīlī writing from Arabia

21 May (Week 5)

James White:
Provincial power-play: a Šafavid-era manuscript of 'The Man in the Panther's Skin'

28 May (Week 6)

Francesca Leoni:
The good, the bad and the ugly: representations of good and evil in Islamic art

4 June (Week 7)

Elise Morero:
Islamic rock crystal – technological perspectives

11 June (Week 8)

Marie Legendre:
Byzantine capitals, Umayyad dukes and the Egyptian dīwān: local administration and the formation of the Islamic state

Convener: Dr Luke Treadwell

Medieval History Seminar

MONDAYS at 5pm in Trinity Term 2013
Wharton Room, All Souls College

The seminars in Weeks 1, 4 and 7 are those that relate to Late Antiquity

22 April (Week 1)

Mark Whittow (Corpus Christi College):

Worlds in motion: Byzantium's Eurasian policy in the age of the Türk empire, 550–630

29 April (Week 2)

Ilya Afanasyev (Hertford College):

Saintly Norman Dukes in Twelfth-Century England and Normandy?

6 May (Week 3)

Elina Screen (Trinity College):

Norway in the age of Cnut (d.1035), through the Anglo-Saxon coinage evidence

13 May (Week 4)

Philip Booth (Trinity College):

Beyond Alfred Butler's Arab Conquest of Egypt

20 May (Week 5)

Brendan Smith (University of Bristol):

The Governed and the Ungovernable in Late Medieval Ireland

27 May (Week 6)

Rory Naismith (Clare College, Cambridge):

Peter's Pence and Beyond: the Forum Hoard and Anglo-Roman Monetary Relations in the Early Middle Ages

3 June (Week 7)

Oliver Watson (Khalili Research Centre):

Islamic luxury pottery: China v. Syria in Abbasid Iraq

10 June (Week 8)

Alice Taylor (King's College, London):

Homage and Hierarchy during the Central Middle Ages

Conveners: Paul Brand and Mark Whittow

Did Roman Art Decline? A Debate

TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2013 (8th Week), at 5pm
Ertegun House, 37a St Giles', Oxford

Jaś Elsner and **Peter Stewart** will take opposite sides in a debate on this hardy perennial topic (which is at least five hundred years old, and still going strong). There will also be plenty of opportunity for audience involvement.

Medieval Economic and Social History Seminar

WEDNESDAYS at 5pm in Trinity Term 2013

Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College (NB change of room this year)

Although generally dealing with the period after Late Antiquity, these two papers have a strong late-antique element:

24 April (Week 1)

Andrew Fleming:

Exploring the history and significance of early medieval roads in the Dartmoor area

15 May (Week 4)

Nicolas Schroeder:

From Roman to medieval landscapes: settlements, society and economy in Belgian, English and German highlands

Conveners: John Blair (Queen's) and Ian Forrest (Oriel)

Stoicism and its Legacy

Lecture by **Dr John Sellars**

(Lecturer in Philosophy, Birkbeck, University of London):

Wednesday 5 June 2013, 1.00—1.30pm

Convocation House, Old Bodleian Library

Includes a manuscript of Epictetus proved to be the earliest.

Book free tickets:

<http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whats-on/upcoming-events/2013/jun/stoicism>

Andy Hilkens (University of Ghent):

‘A Late Antique Inheritance: The *Anonymous Chronicle to the Year 1234* and its use of the *Book of Jubilees*’

MONDAY 20 MAY 2013 (Week 5) at 5pm
Faculty Room, Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane

An unlikely, yet crucial, witness for the study of the late-antique afterlife of the Jewish pseudepigraphical *Book of Jubilees* (second century BC) is the *Anonymous Syriac Chronicle to the Year 1234*. This chronicle not only preserves extensive fairly literal excerpts from this work, but also adaptations of some of its traditions, which probably reached the Chronicler via one or more Syriac chronographic sources. The paper will investigate the origin of these adaptations, leading to the Greek chronicles of Hippolytus of Rome (170/180–235 AD) and Annianus of Alexandria (fl. Fifth century AD), and the Syriac chronicle of the enigmatic Andronicus (perhaps of the sixth century AD).

Jennifer Cromwell (Macquarie University, Sydney / British Museum):

*Rediscovering an overlooked Coptic monastery:
New Work on the British Museum Wadi Sarga material*

Tuesday 4 June (Week 7) at 2.30pm
Lecture Room 1, Oriental Institute, Pusey Lane

Afternoon round table discussion on the Apion estate

MONDAY 27 MAY, 2–6pm

Since the publication of Jean Gascou’s *Les grands domaines, la cité et l’État en Égypte byzantine* (1985), the issue of the concentration of land in private hands during the sixth century, and the role it played in the weakening of the Empire, has been a matter of lively debate, especially after the appearance of Peter Sarris’s *Economy and Society in the Age of Justinian* (2006). Views that seem irreconcilable have been exchanged between papyrologists on the one hand, and historians without specific papyrological training, who have heavily relied on evidence of papyri in order to study the subject. Todd Hickey’s long-awaited *Wine, Wealth, and the State in Late Antique Egypt: The House of Apion at Oxyrhynchus* (Ann Arbor 2012) is an important contribution to this debate. Professor Hickey’s presence in Oxford in May 2013 offers an occasion to bring together scholars involved in the debate, in order to discuss the issue anew, both in the light of new evidence and with a wish to widen the context chronologically and geographically in the discussion.

The Khalili Research Centre workshop: ‘East Christian and Islamic Art’

Ertegun House (37a St Giles’) on 29 June 2013.

Details of the programme and speakers may be found at the workshop website:
<http://krc.orient.ox.ac.uk/krc/index.php/component/content/article/38>

All are welcome, but numbers are limited to 40. Please reserve your place as soon as possible by email to patricia.davies@orinst.ox.ac.uk.

Registration will take place 9.00—9.30 on the morning of the workshop, when a small charge of £10 (students £5) will be made, to include refreshments, a sandwich lunch, and drinks after the workshop.

Next term's events will be added as soon as details become available