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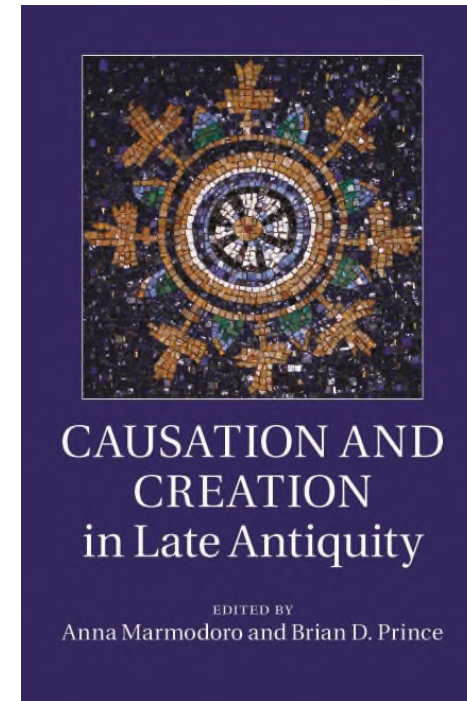
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Please join us for a discussion to celebrate the publication of this book, edited by Anna Marmodoro and Brian Prince, and published by CUP

Friday 8 May 2015

Danson Room, Trinity College, at 5pm

The discussion of the book and its implications will be led by Richard Sorabji, Gillian Clark, and Neil McLynn

The event will close with a drinks reception

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The Saints Envisioned: Visual Representations of Saints in the Fourth to Eighth Centuries

A collaborative colloquium between two Oxford-based research projects – ‘Empires of Faith’ and ‘Cult of Saints’

Friday 12 June 2015 at Ertegun House, 37a St Giles’, Oxford



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| 9.15 | Jaś Elsner (‘Empires of Faith’ project): <i>Saints and their icons</i> | 14.00 | Ine Jacobs (Oxford University): <i>Saints for every day: depictions of saints on household objects</i> |
| 10.30 | Coffee | 15.15 | Bryan Ward-Perkins (‘Cult of Saints’ project): <i>The two processions of saints in S. Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna</i> |
| 10.45 | John Mitchell (UEA): <i>Saints in their architectural configuration</i> | 16.30 | Tea |
| 12.00 | Efthymios Rizos (‘Cult of Saints’ project): <i>The martyrs in the mosaics of Thessalonike</i> | 16.45 | Maria Lidova (‘Empires of Faith’ project): <i>Papal agency and mosaic images of saints in 7th-century Rome</i> |
| 13.15 | Lunch | 18.00 | Drinks reception |

The colloquium is free, but space is limited so registration is essential.
To book a place please write to kelly.dixon@ertegun.ox.ac.uk

OXFORD CENTRE FOR BYZANTINE RESEARCH OXFORD CENTRE FOR LATE ANTIQUITY

Late Antique and Medieval Georgia: A Colloquium

19 and 20 June 2015

at Ertegun House, 37a St Giles’, Oxford



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Friday 19 June

- 15.00 Viewing of Georgian Manuscripts at the Bodleian
- 17.00 **Antony Eastmond** (Courtauld, London):
What is Georgian about Georgian Art?
- 18.30 **Drinks Reception**

13:30 Lunch

- 14:30 **Markus Bogisch** (University of Copenhagen):
The Architecture of Tao-Klarjeti (Medieval Southwest Georgia) and its (inter-)national Reception in Medieval and Modern Times

Saturday 20 June

- 10:00 **Robert Thomson** (Oxford):
Georgia and the Christian Caucasus
- 11:00 **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 **Zaza Skhirtladze** (Tbilisi State University):
Donors and their Images in Medieval Georgia
- 12:30 **Nikoloz Aleksidze** (Oxford):
The Cult of Saints and Political Rhetoric in Medieval Georgia

- 15:30 **Levan Gigineishvili** (Ilia University, Tbilisi):
The Question of a pre-Renaissance in 12th-13th-century Georgia: Petritsi and the ‘Knight in the Panther’s Skin’
- 16:30 **Tea**
- 17:00 **Donald Rayfield** (Queen Mary, London):
Religious Tolerance (and Occasional Intolerance) in Medieval Georgia

The Colloquium is free, but those wishing to attend must book a place by writing to Nikoloz Aleksidze at aleksidze@gmail.com

The Eastern Caucasus from Late Antiquity to Early Islam

Saturday 6 June 2015
Lecture Room 1, Oriental Institute, Oxford



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| 10.00 | Robert Hoyland and Professor Nargiz Pashayeva: <i>Introduction</i> James Howard-Johnston: <i>Historical Overview</i> | 2.00 | ALANS Nick Evans: <i>Caspian-Pontic connections: approaches to the Alans</i> John Latham: <i>The Transformation of Political Authority in the North Caucasus: The Alan Kingdom, 890–1030</i> |
| 10.30 | Irina Shingiray: <i>The Wall of Derwent and the Khazars: Political and Religious Perspectives</i> | 3.30 | TEA |
| 11.15 | COFFEE | 4.00 | ARRAN/AZERBAIJAN Ryan Lynch: <i>Abbasid perspectives on Sasanian policy in Arran and its hinterland</i> Lala Aliyeva: <i>The ethnic and religious diversity of Azerbaijan in the Early Middle Ages</i> Annegret Plontke-Lüning: <i>Church Architecture in Azerbaijan: the example of Lekit and Kilisedagh</i> |
| 11.45 | ARCHAEOLOGY Eberhard Sauer (and K. Pitskhelauri): <i>The Archaeology of the Caucasian/Alan Gates (the Darial Pass in Georgia) in Late Antiquity and the early Middle Ages</i> Dan Lawrence: <i>Assessing the Frontiers of the Sasanian Empire in the Caucasus: A Landscape Archaeology Approach</i> | 6.15 | CLOSE |
| 1.15 | LUNCH | | |

The event is free (including lunch), but please register register with email nizami.ganjavi@orinst.ox.ac.uk

Local Connections in the Literature of Late Antiquity

International Society for Late Antique Literary Studies
3rd Annual Conference

The Oxford Research Centre in the Humanities: 1–2 July 2015

Wednesday, 1 July 2015

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| 9.30 | Jesús Hernández Lobato (University of Oxford): <i>Decentring Rome: Ausonius' Mosella as a Political and Epistemological Metaphor</i> |
| 10.00 | Joshua Hartman (University of Washington): <i>Ausonius, Theon, and the Creation of a Gallic Literature</i> |
| 10.30 | James Uden (Boston University): <i>Pharmacological Literature in Late Antiquity: Local Prescriptions, Global Poetics</i> |
| 11.00 | Coffee |
| 11.30 | Lorenzo Focanti (Ghent University): <i>Looking for an identity. The Patria and the Greek Cities between the Third and the Fourth Centuries AD</i> |
| 12.00 | Roberta Berardi (University of Bari) and Martina Filosa (University of Cologne): <i>Bilingual papyri containing fables: the relationship between Latin and Greek in Late Antique Egypt</i> |
| 12.30 | Zachary Domach (Columbia University): <i>'Proverbial Communities' in Late Antiquity: Literary Ties in Asia Minor and North Africa</i> |
| 13.00 | Lunch |
| 14.00 | Mattias Gassman (University of Cambridge): <i>Local Religion and Roman Culture in Late Fourth-Century Africa (Augustine, Epistulae 16-17)</i> |
| 14.30 | Richard Hillier (Yehudi Menuhin School): <i>Hoc state loco: Arator and the unorthodox other</i> |
| 15.00 | Benjamin Wheaton (University of Toronto): <i>The Expositio symboli of Venantius Fortunatus: Is it Aquileian or Gallic?</i> |
| 15.30 | Coffee |
| 16.00 | Linda Jones Hall (St Mary's College of Maryland): <i>'Hiding in Plain Sight': Concealing the Late Antique Writer's Origins by Literary Conceits</i> |
| 16.30 | Laura Miguélez Caverro (University of Oxford): <i>Nonnus' Literary Career</i> |
| 17.00 | Helen Kaufmann (University of Oxford): <i>Wandering poets in the West</i> |
| 17.30 | End |

Thursday, 2 July 2015

- 10.00 **André Carneiro** and **Cláudia Teixeira** (University of Évora):
Space and Landscape in Lusitania: between text and material evidence
- 10.30 **Lynton Boshoff** (University of Oxford):
Repurposing Dracontius in Visigothic Spain
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- 11.00 Coffee
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- 11.30 **Alan Ross** (University College Dublin):
*Libanius' Royal Discourse upon Constantius and Constans (Or. 59):
Constructions of local identity in the fourth-century East*
- 12.00 **Óscar Prieto Domínguez** (University of Salamanca): *Greek Christian centos in 5th century local communities: A case study*
- 12.30 **Dennis Trout** (University of Missouri): *Monumental Verse Between Rome and Ravenna: Galla, Leo, and Neon'*
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- 13.00 Lunch
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- 14.00 **R. P. H. Green** (University of Glasgow):
Two Gallic panegyrics in verse, by Sidonius Apollinaris
- 14.30 **Brian Brennan** (Macquarie University):
The poetic construction of Gallic identities and local connections in the poetry of Venantius Fortunatus
- 15.00 **Joseph Pucci** (Brown University):
Local and Global in the Poetry of Venantius Fortunatus
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- 15.30 Coffee
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- 16.00 **Hope Williard** (University of Leeds):
Remembering St Hilary
- 16.30 **Sara Ehrling** (University of Gothenburg): *Classical Roots and Local Connections in Late Antique Latin Epithalamia*
- 17.00 **Cillian O'Hogan** (The British Library): *Between local and universal: the martyr as hero in Prudentius' Peristephanon*
- 17.30 Closing remarks

*The 2015 ISLALS conference is generously supported by the **Oxford Faculty of Classics**, the **Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research**, and the **Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity**.*

*To register to attend, please email **Ian Fielding** ian.fielding@classics.ox.ac.uk by **Wednesday, 10 June**. A delegate fee (covering the cost of catering) of **£6 per day** can be paid in cash on arrival at the conference.*

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

THURSDAYS in Trinity Term 2015
Danson Room, Trinity College, at 5pm

30 April (Week 1)

Mischa Meier (Tübingen University):

The failed assassination attempt against Attila (AD 449), and eastern Roman Hunnic policy

7 May (Week 2)

George Woudhuysen (All Souls College, Oxford):

Gibbon and the barbarians

14 May (Week 3)

James Howard-Johnston (Corpus Christi College, Oxford):

After the Last Great War of Antiquity

21 May (Week 4)

Bella Image (Harris Manchester College, Oxford):

Constantine and the conversion of the aristocracy

28 May (Week 5)

Gerda Heydemann (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna):

The Psalms in debate: Cassiodorus as an exegete between Italy and Constantinople

4 June (Week 6)

Graham Barrett (St John's College, Oxford):

The last saint of the Roman West

11 June (Week 7)

Gesa Schenke (Oriental Institute and 'Cult of Saints' project, Oxford):

The healing shrines of St Phoibammon: Evidence of cult activity in Coptic legal documents

18 June (Week 8)

Alessandro Bausi (Hamburg University):

A late antique relic from the Ethiopian highlands: The Ethiopian version of the History of the Episcopate of Alexandria

Conveners: Phil Booth and Bryan Ward-Perkins

Themistius Seminar: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives

WEDNESDAYS in Trinity Term 2015
Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College, from 5–6.30pm (followed by drinks)

Note different day and time in Week 3, and different room in Week 5

28 April 2015 (Week 1)

Professor Richard Sorabji (University of Oxford):
A Romp through Themistius

6 May 2015 (Week 2)

Professor Franz de Haas (Leiden University):
Why did Themistius disagree with Alexander on Intellect?

12 May 2015 (Week 3)

Note different day and time: Tuesday, 2.30–4.00pm
Professor Michael Griffin (University of British Columbia):
Themistius on Rhetoric, Philosophy, and Excellence

20 May 2015 (Week 4)

Professor Peter Heather (King's College London):
PPE in the Fourth Century

27 May 2015 (Week 5)

Dr Alberto Rigolio (University of Oxford):
The Syriac De virtute: Themistius, possibly Julian, and a discourse on Cynicism (or cynicism?)
(This talk will take place in the **Rainolds Room** at Corpus)

3 June 2015 (Week 6): No seminar

10 June 2015 (Week 7)

Professor Riccardo Chiaradonna (Università degli Studi Roma Tre):
Julian's Letter to Themistius and the 4th-century Philosophical Debate

17 June 2015 (Week 8)

Professor Carlos Fraenkel (McGill University, Montreal / University of Oxford) and **Yoav Meyrav** (University of Tel Aviv):
Themistius' Paraphrase of Metaphysics 12: Text, Ideas, Reception

This seminar is co-organised by Anna Marmodoro and Neil McLynn, and is supported by the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity and the Power Structuralism in Ancient Ontologies Project.

Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

WEDNESDAYS in Trinity Term 2015
in the Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles', at 5pm

29 April (Week 1)

Nicky Tsougarakis (Liverpool):
A matter of perspective: the friary of St Francis of Candia (Crete) in Cretan and pilgrim sources

6 May (Week 2)

Andrew Small and others (Oxford):
The Serbian expedition

13 May (Week 3)

Mark Whittow (Oxford):
Gibbon and the Falls of the Roman Empire

20 May (Week 4)

Panagiotos Roilos (Harvard):
The Christianization of ancient Greek literature and rhetoric in 11th–12th-century Byzantium

27 May (Week 5)

Mark Janse (Ghent):
The principle of pairing. A cognitive approach to Byzantine versification

3 June (Week 6)

Paul Cobb (Pennsylvania):
On Charlemagne's Muslim Elephant: Animals, Kingship, and Monotheism

10 June (Week 7)

Kirsty Stewart (Oxford):
'Amusing verses for one's merriment': The Entertaining Tale of Quadrupeds and beast literature in Byzantium

17 June (Week 8)

Irina Shingiray (Oxford):
Rule and Religion among the Khazar Nomads: From Mazdean to Muslim World

Conveners: Marc Lauxtermann and Mark Whittow

Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art Seminar

THURSDAYS in Trinity Term 2015

St John's College, New Seminar Room (except for Week 4), 11am–12.30pm

30 April (Week 1)

Emanuele Intagliata (Edinburgh):

The inner city wall of Palmyra in late antiquity

7 May (Week 2)

Maria Lidova (Oxford):

Christian rulers at the Palatine. The earliest image of Maria Regina in S. Maria Antiqua

14 May (Week 3)

Vicky Manolopoulou (Newcastle):

The City as a church: litanies, troparia and the experience of the sacred in Constantinople

*21 May (Week 4)

Jane Chick (Norwich):

Giftng Jerusalem: Monza and Bobbio reconsidered

* Week 4 = in North Lecture Room

28 May (Week 5)

Christopher Lillington-Martin (Oxford):

Forts on frontiers (Dara/Mindouos and Can Blai) in 4th–6th and 21st centuries, facing 'βάρβαροι' and self-styled Islamic State

4 June (Week 6)

Bert Smith (Oxford):

The long lives of Roman statues: public monuments in late antique Aphrodisias

11 June (Week 7)

Jonathan Shepard (Oxford):

Persons, practices and things in circulation between Byzantium and the British Isles in the Viking Age: a role for slave trading ?

18 June (Week 8)

Lucy-Anne Hunt (Manchester):

Crusader palace decoration in the Levant between Byzantium and Islam in the 12th–13th centuries

Conveners: Ine Jacobs and Marlia Mango

Patristic Seminar

WEDNESDAYS in Trinity Term 2015

Lecture Room 2, Christ Church, 5.00–6.30 pm

29 April (Week 1)

Mark Edwards: *What is Antiochene Theology?*

6 May (Week 2)

Bella Image: *The Date of Hilary's Commentary on Matthew*

13 May (Week 3)

Neil McLynn: *From Text to Performance and Back Again: Gregory Nazianzen in Action*

20 May (Week 4)

Julia Konstantinovksy: *Patristic Apophasis as Eschatological Strategy*

27 May (Week 5)

Matthew Twigg: *Religious Experience in Gnosticism*

3 June (Week 6)

Arnaud Perrot: *Basilian Asceticism. Problems of Literary and Doctrinal Coherence*

10 June (Week 7)

Carol Harrison: *Augustine on Music and the Affections*

17 June (Week 8)

Jarred Mercer: *The Holy Innocents in Patristic Thought*

Conveners: Professor Carol Harrison and Professor Mark Edwards

Ptarmigan Lecture in Patristics 2015

Andrew Louth, FBA (Professor Emeritus of Patristic and Byzantine Studies, University of Durham):

Pseudonymity and secret tradition in early Christianity: some reflections on the development of Mariology

Friday 15 May 2015 in the Examination Schools at 5pm

After the lecture there will be a Drinks Reception in St Hilda's, to which all who attend are welcome.

Seminar on Jewish history and literature in the Graeco-Roman period

TUESDAYS of Weeks 1–4 at 2.30pm
Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

28 April (Week 1)

Maureen Attali (La Sorbonne):

Jewish feasts in Egypt during the Hellenistic era: a case-study of inter religious meal-sharing

5 May (Week 2)

David Friedman (Wolfson College, Oxford):

Liberty in Josephus

12 May (Week 3)

Dr Laliv Clenman (Leo Baeck College):

Virginity Claims in Massekhet Ketubot

19 May (Week 4)

Esther Schneiderbach, (LMU, München):

Revisiting the Jewish epitaphs from the City of Rome

Convener: Professor Tessa Rajak

The Eastern Caucasus in Late Antiquity: Albanians, Khazars and Alans

One-day workshop
Saturday 6 June 2015

The event will be free, including a free lunch.

Sponsored by the Nizami Ganjavi Program (based in the Oriental Institute)
in collaboration with the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity

Legal Pluralism in the Roman Empire and the Perception of the Law of the Other

Monday 15 and 16 June 2015
Maison Française d'Oxford, Norham Road, Oxford

Monday 15 June

9.00 **Welcome and introduction**

Chair: Alan Bowman

9.30 **Caroline Humfress** (Birkbeck University of London):

Introduction: *Rethinking forum shopping in the context of ancient law*

10.00 Coffee break

EGYPT

10.30 **Jakub Urbanik** (University of Warsaw):

Legal Pluralism in Roman Egypt: It is best to declare law for them upon the law of the Egyptians

11.30 **Jose Luis Alonso** (The University of the Basque Country):

Legal Pluralism in Roman Egypt: the 'Laws of the Egyptians' and the Roman Jurisdiction

12.30 Lunch

Chair: Soazick Kerneis

EGYPT CONTINUED

13.30 **Anna Dolganov** (Institut für Kulturgeschichte der Antike, Vienna):

'Men of the Law': Legal and Forensic Practitioners in the Provinces in the Early and High Empire

ASIA MINOR

14.30 **Georgy Kantor** (St John's College Oxford):

Legal pluralism in Roman Asia Minor

15.30 Coffee break

Chair: Caroline Humfress

THE WEST

- 16.00 **Soazick Kerneis** (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre – Maison Française):
Legal pluralism in the Western Roman Empire – Popular legal sources and legal history
- 17.00 **Marie Roux** (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre):
'Forum Shopping' and Special Jurisdictions in the Context of the First Regna in Gaul: The Example of the Visigothic Kingdom

Tuesday 16 June

Chair: Martin Goodman

- 9.00 **Carlos Lévy** (Université Paris Sorbonne):
Cicero and the Barbarian Laws: A Philosophical Problem?

10.00 Coffee break

JUDEA/PALESTINE

- 10.30 **Hannah Cotton** (Hebrew University of Jerusalem):
Back to the application of 'Private International Law' to Jurisdiction in the Roman Empire
- 11.30 **Kimberley Czajkowski** (University of Münster):
Law made Local: The Babatha Archive

12.30 Lunch

Chair: Hannah Cotton

JUDEA/PALESTINE (CONTINUED)

- 13.30 **Katell Berthelot** (CNRS, Aix-en-Provence):
Roman Laws and the Roman Legal System in Jewish Literary Sources
- 14.30 **Yair Furstenberg** (Ben Gurion University of the Negev):
'The Custom of the State': The Shifting Status of Foreign Legal Practices in Early Rabbinic Law

15.30 Coffee break

- 16.00 **Ron Naiweld** (CNRS, Paris):
The judge as a sovereign. The rabbinic invention of the beit-din in its historical and hermeneutical context
- 17.00 **Jill Harries** (University of St Andrews):
Conclusions

Conveners: Katell Berthelot (Aix), Catherine Darbo (Maison Française d'Oxford), and Martin Goodman (Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies)

The Dark Ages' Dirty Secret? Medieval slavery from the British Isles to the Eurasian steppes and the Mediterranean world

This seminar will be held on **TUESDAYS** at 5 pm in the Khalili Research Centre, 3 St John's Street

28 April (Week 1)

Jeremy Johns (Oxford):

Eunuchs and slaves in the court of Norman Sicily

5 May (Week 2)

Janel Fontaine (King's College London):

The archaeology of slavery: comparing methods in the British Isles and Slavic East Central Europe

12 May (Week 3)

David Wyatt (Cardiff):

An enslaved Irish princess in Norway – sagas, historiography and the traffic in women in the northern world c. 950–1200

19 May (Week 4)

James Howard-Johnston (Oxford):

Trading in fur in the early middle ages

26 May (Week 5)

Günter Prinzing (Mainz):

Slavery in Byzantium: the legal frame work, with some observations on life as lived by slaves c.641–1204

2 June (Week 6)

Ahmad Khan (Oxford):

Slavery in early Islamic law: a brief survey

9 June (Week 7)

Marie Favereau and **Irina Shingiray** (Oxford):

The captive, the currency, and the gift in the Khazar and Golden Horde empires

16 June (Week 8)

Andrew Roach (Glasgow):

The dynamics of the drug trade: a template for medieval slavery?

Conveners: Jonathan Shepard and Marek Jankowiak

Medieval Economic and Social History Seminar

WEDNESDAYS at 5pm in Trinity Term 2015
Harris Seminar Room, Oriel College. All welcome

The following three seminars in the programme relate to Late Antiquity:

29 April (Week 1)

Arietta Papaconstantinou (University of Reading):

Credit, debt, and the evolution of rural society from Justinian to the Abbasids in Egypt and Southern Palestine

13 May (Week 3)

Nicholas Evans (Wadham College):

Adornments and currencies of trade in early medieval north Caucasian funerary contexts

17 June (Week 8)

Gabor Thomas (University of Reading):

Places of power and the making of Anglo-Saxon kingdoms: new archaeological perspectives from Lyminge, Kent

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

Roman Discussion Forum

WEDNESDAYS at 1pm in Trinity Term 2015
Institute of Archaeology, Beaumont Street, Lecture Room. All welcome

The following two seminars relate to Late Antiquity

13 May (Week 3)

Galatea Klapakis (Greek Archaeological Service):

A late Roman cemetery excavated in Pallene, Attica: The transition from paganism to Christianity in the hinterland of Athens

27 May (Week 5)

Jerome Mairat (University of Oxford):

Iconography of the coinage of the Gallic empire

Organisers: Andrew Wilson, Maggie Burr, and Jelena Jaric, with the support of the Faculty of Classics, the School of Archaeology, and All Souls College

Classical Archaeology Seminar: 'Euboeans' at Oxford: from proto-history to the medieval period

MONDAYS at 5pm in Trinity Term 2015
Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies

The following two seminars in this series will touch on Late Antiquity:

11 May (Week 3)

Dr Dimitrios Christodoulou (Department of Antiquities, Chalkis, Euboea):
Roman Chalkis

18 May (Week 4)

Dr Pari Kalamara (Department of Antiquities, Chalkis, Euboea):
The medieval settlements of Euboea: the state of current knowledge and some new suggestions

Convener: Irene Lemos

Film invitation

You are cordially invited to a showing of Luis Buñuel's 1965 film 'Simon of the Desert' (Simón del Desierto). This is a surrealist retelling of the life of the 5th-century Simeon the Stylite, culminating in the devil (played by Silvia Pinal) seducing Simon from his pillar, and to a modern '60s disco.

The film runs for 45 minutes and the showing will be accompanied by a glass of wine and nibbles.

Ertegun House, 37a St Giles'

Friday 8 May 2015

Doors open at 8.30, screening at 9pm



**Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research
Annual Lecture & Drinks Party**

Wednesday 1 July 2015 at 5pm
at the Ioannou Centre for Classical & Byzantine Studies,
66 St Giles', Oxford

Professor Alexei Lidov

(Head Of Department, Institute For World Culture,
Lomonosov Moscow State University):

"The Luminous Disc and the Whirling Church: The Icon of Light in Byzantium"

**Late Antique and Byzantine Studies
Theory Reading Group**

Tuesdays at 7pm–8:30pm in weeks 2, 4 and 6.

Conveners: Andrew Small and Matthew Kinloch

This reading group aims to offer an opportunity for those who wish to deepen their familiarity on theoretical topics with a view to their application in the field of Late Antique and Byzantine Studies in a friendly, relaxed and informal atmosphere. All are welcome.

Anybody who wishes to attend should contact either:

Andrew Small (andrew.small@kellogg.ox.ac.uk) or

Matthew Kinloch (matthew.kinloch@univ.ox.ac.uk)

for more details and to ensure the circulation of reading lists.

Adrian Rice

(Professor of Mathematics at Randolph-Macon College, Virginia):

*Commutativity and Collinearity:
From Diophantus to Pappus via Hilbert*

Monday 18 May 2015 at 11am

in the Mathematics Institute (Room L3)

OXFORD UNIVERSITY GREEK SOCIETY

A talk by Professor Vassa Kontouma:

*'A herald of Greek-Orthodoxy in Umayyad Syria
and Palestine: John of Damascus'*

Monday, 25 May 2015 at 5pm

in the Goodhart Seminar Room, University College

An Afternoon with the Apiones: New Evidence from an Aristocratic Large Estate in Late Antiquity

Friday 4 September 2015, 2.15–6.00pm
Lady Margaret Hall, Norham Gardens, Oxford OX2 6QA
Room: Talbot Hall

Organizers: Amin Benaissa (Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford)
and Nikolaos Gonis (Department of Greek and Latin, University College
London)

The so-called ‘Apion archive’ is one of the largest groups of papyri recovered from the sands of Egypt: it consists of hundreds of documents relating to a wealthy aristocratic family with a large estate in the Egyptian city of Oxyrhynchus. Its members rose from middling managers of imperial estates in the fifth century to holders of some of the highest offices in Constantinople in the sixth century. We do not know of any other Egyptian family with such a high profile on the imperial scene, nor are we informed so well about the estates of any other senatorial family across the empire. The Apion archive has therefore always been at the forefront of discussions of the economy, society, and administration of Late Antiquity, and it has generated no less than five monographs dedicated exclusively or in large part to it in the past 15 years.

This small conference will bring together members of an informal ‘Apionic network’ to discuss new perspectives on the archive and Late Antique Oxyrhynchus in general and to consider new papyrological evidence. Speakers and respondents will include Giuseppina Azzarello (Udine), Todd Hickey (Berkeley), Sophie Kovarik (Vienna), Roberta Mazza (Manchester), Margaret Mountford (London), and Bernhard Palme (Vienna). The conference will follow a workshop between the participants on unpublished texts.

Attendance of the conference is open to the public and free (including tea & coffee), but advance registration is necessary as space is limited. If you plan to attend, please inform the organisers (amin.benaissa@classics.ox.ac.uk; n.gonis@ucl.ac.uk) by **20 August 2015**.

The workshop and conference are generously sponsored by the Craven Committee (Thomas Whitcombe Greene Fund; Faculty of Classics, Oxford), the Centre for the Study of Ancient Documents (Faculty of Classics, Oxford), and the Department of Greek and Latin of University College London.

Essence, Power, and Activity in Classical and Late Antiquity

Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 September 2015

At the Faculty of Philosophy, Oxford

Invited speakers include:

Riccardo Chiaradonna (Università di Roma Tre):
*Essence, Being, and Activity in Early Neoplatonism:
The Anonymous Commentary on Plato’s Parmenides*
DISCUSSANT: Adrien Lecerf

Mark Edwards (University of Oxford):
Dunamis in Christian Theology of the Fourth Century
DISCUSSANT: Eirini-Foteini Viltanioti

Laurent Lavaud (Université Paris 1):
*What is the Difference between Energeia and Kinesis?
A Neoplatonic Controversy*
DISCUSSANT: Ghislain Casas

Jan Opsomer (KU Leuven):
*Essence, Power and Activity in Proclus’ Philosophy of
Nature*
DISCUSSANT: Philippe Hoffmann

David Sedley (University of Cambridge) (to be confirmed):
The Metaphysics of the Phaedo
DISCUSSANT: Anna Marmodoro

Maria Michela Sassi (Università di Pisa):
Ancient Reflections on the Power of Colour of Being Perceived
DISCUSSANT: Anna Marmodoro

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