

PTARMIGAN LECTURE IN PATRISTICS 2018
Faculty of Theology and Religion

Thursday 26 April 2018
at 5pm in the Examination Schools

Professor Dame Averil Cameron:
“Patristics and late antiquity”

The lecture is open to members of the public
and is followed by a drinks reception.

Averil Cameron was Warden of Keble College from
1994 to 2010 and is a former Director and Chair of the
International Conference on Patristic Studies at Oxford.

Her most recent books include:
Byzantine Matters (2014), *Dialoguing in Late Antiquity* (2014),
Arguing it Out. Discussion in the Twelfth Century (2016)
and *Byzantine Christianity* (SPCK, 2017)

Listed here are the lectures and seminars
on Late Antiquity taking place in Oxford
between April and September 2018

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made possible by the generosity of donors to the Centre*

The details of all these events are also
available on the OCLA web-site:

www.ocla.ox.ac.uk

As at 24 May 2018

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

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[More details here](#)

One-day conference:

“Theology of Symbol”

Tuesday 15 May 2018

from 10am to 5.30pm

at the House of St Gregory and St Macrina,
1 Canterbury Road, OX2 6LU

Speakers include Dr Sebastian Brock, Professor Carol Harrison,
Fr Edward Farrugia SJ, Dr Smilen Markov, Dr Peter Petkoff,
Dr Salam Rassi, and Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia

A colloquium organized by the Fellowship of SS Alban & Sergius,
the House of SS Gregory & Macrina, with the Oxford Centre for
Christianity & Culture, Regent's Park College, Oxford

Details and programme from rebecca.white@regents.ox.ac.uk

ZERNOV LECTURE 2018

“Is an East–West Synthesis of Theology possible?”

Professor Edward Farrugia, SJ

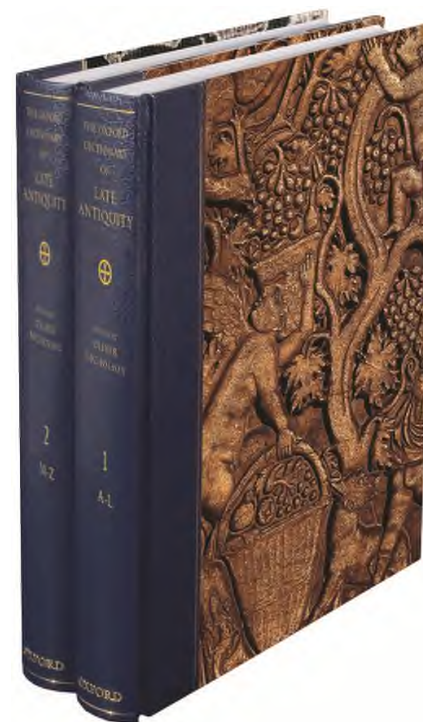
(Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome)

Thursday 17 May 2018

at 6pm at Balliol College

A [Fellowship of St Alban and St Sergius](#) event

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Please join us for a discussion
to mark the publication of

The Oxford Dictionary of Late Antiquity

edited by

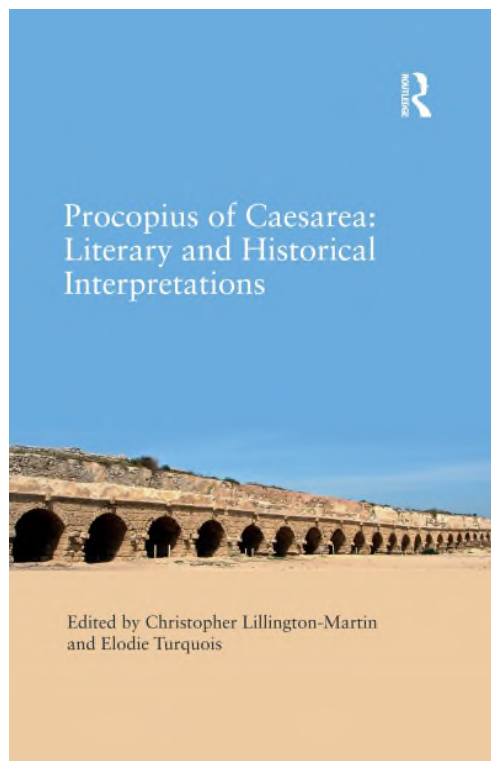
Oliver Nicholson

The discussion
will be led by
Garth Fowden and
Bryan Ward-Perkins

Friday 1 June 2018

Danson Room, Trinity College at 5pm

The event will close with a celebratory drink



Please join us for a discussion to mark the publication of this book

Christopher Lillington-Martin and Elodie Turquois (eds):

Procopius of Caesarea: Literary and Historical Interpretations

The discussion will be led by James Howard-Johnston, Marek Jankowiak, and Mary Whitby

Tuesday 12 June 2018

Danson Room, Trinity College at 5pm

The event will close with a celebratory drink

STUDY DAY
Introducing Manuscripts from Ethiopia and Eritrea

Saturday 1 September 2018

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



Context and History

CHAIR: **Bryan Ward-Perkins**

09.00 **Alessandro Bausi** (HLCES, Hamburg): *Introduction to the Manuscript Culture of Ethiopia: Early Developments and New Discoveries*

09.45 **Marie-Laure Derat**, (CNRS, Paris): *Ethiopian Authors and Scribes in the Middle Ages: Monastic and Curial Milieu*

10.30–10.50: Coffee Break

Art

CHAIR: **Judith McKenzie**

10.50 **Jacopo Gnisci** (Biblioteca Apostolica Vaticana): *Illustrated Ethiopic Gospels: From Late Antiquity to the Early Solomonian Period (ca. 350-1527)*

11.35 **Tania Tribe** (SOAS, London): *Ethiopian Manuscript Painting: 16th to 18th Centuries*

12.20–13.30: Lunch

Chronicles and Manuscript Making

CHAIR: **Elizabeth Jeffreys**

13.30 **Solomon Gebreyes Beyene** (HLCES, Hamburg): *Ethiopian Royal Chronicles: Production and Manuscript Tradition*

14.15 **Sean M. Winslow** (Karl-Franzens-Universität Graz): *“Bless the Makers of Parchment, Because They Laboured Much”*: *Craft Practices of the Ethiopian Scribe*

15.00: Tea break – Bodleian visit

Conveners: Jacopo Gnisci, Foteini Spingou, Miranda Williams, Judith McKenzie, and Rahel Fronda. For any questions, please contact Jacopo Gnisci, j.gnisci@live.com

Attendance and refreshments, including lunch, are free, but please book a place by emailing foteini.spingou@classics.ox.ac.uk

Sponsored by the Classics Faculty, the Bodleian Library, the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research, the ERC Advanced Project *Monumental Art of the Christian and Early Islamic East* directed by Judith McKenzie, Maison Française d'Oxford, *Beta Maṣāḥāft: Manuscripts of Ethiopia and Eritrea*, funded by The Union of the German Academies of Sciences and Humanities through the Academy of Hamburg.

The Iranian World from the Sasanians to Islam

MONDAYS at 5pm in Trinity Term 2018

Wolfson College, Linton Road

*Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research, Bahari Lecture Series,
Faculty of Oriental Studies, Lorne Thyssen Research Fund,
and the Ancient World Cluster at Wolfson College*

23 April (Week 1)

Luke Treadwell (University of Oxford):

Islamic kingship in the high Abbasid era: the reinvention of Sasanian tradition?

30 April (Week 2)

Peter Webb (University of Leiden):

Let us go down, and there confound their language': speech and identity in the late antique Middle East

7 May (Week 3)

Harry Munt (University of York):

Pre- and early Islamic history in Iranian local histories

14 May (Week 4)

Rachel Wood (University of Oxford):

Interpreting Sasanian sacred iconography after the Islamic conquest

21 May (Week 5)

Kianoosh Rezaia (Ruhr-Universität Bochum):

The Zoroastrian goddess Dēn in Islamic robe: her figure in Zoroastrianism and its transfer to Islam

28 May (Week 6)

Jaakko Hameen-Anttila (University of Edinburgh):

What was the Middle Persian Book of Kings (Khwadaynamag)?

4 June (Week 7): **NO SEMINAR**

11 June (Week 8)

Robert Gleave (University of Exeter):

"Rule over them as you do the People of the Book": Zoroastrians and Zoroastrian customs in early Islamic legal sources

Conveners: Alain F. George (Khalili Research Centre), Christian C. Sahner (The Oriental Institute), and Yuhana S.-D. Vevaina (The Oriental Institute)

Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

WEDNESDAYS at 5pm in Trinity Term 2018

(except for the lecture in Week 1, which is on **Monday**, 23 April)

The Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles'

MONDAY 23 April (Week 1)

SPECIAL OCBR LECTURE:

Richard Foltz:

The Caucasian Alans between Byzantine Christianity and traditional paganism

2 May (Week 2)

Leonora Neville and **Anna Komnene:**

Gender and authorship in twelfth-century Byzantium

9 May (Week 3)

SPECIAL OCBR LECTURE:

Paul Magdalino:

The Author of the Patria

16 May (Week 4)

Reports on the LABS Trip to Iran

23 May (Week 5)

David Blackman and **Carlos Tejedor:**

A Muslim contribution to the development of naval arsenals

30 May (Week 6)

Raul Estanguí:

The officium stratoris in the Palaiologan period. New reflections on the nature of imperial power in the 13th–15th centuries

6 June (Week 7)

Ine Jacobs:

Old statues, new meanings. Literary, epigraphic and archaeological evidence for Christian re-interpretation of classical statuary

13 June (Week 8)

Georgi Parpulov:

Byzantine scribes and their paratexts

Conveners: Phil Booth, Peter Frankopan, Catherine Holmes, and Ida Toth

Late Antique and Byzantine Archaeology and Art Seminar

THURSDAYS, 11am–12:30pm in Weeks 1–4 of Trinity Term 2018
The Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles' (First-Floor Seminar Room)

26 April (Week 1)

Carlos Cabrera Tejedor (Oxford):

Seville and its port during the Late Antique period

3 May (Week 2)

Katarzyna Lubos (Bonn):

Fabric for Plaster: Making and using late antique textiles (resist dyed)

10 May (Week 3)

Kyriakos Savvopoulos (Oxford):

Late Antiquity in the cape of Akra Lochias: New findings

17 May (Week 4)

Elisabetta Neri (CNRS-Orléans):

Wall mosaics in archaeological context in Asia Minor: technical and iconographical potential

Conveners: Foteini Spingou and Ine Jacobs

After Rome Seminar

THURSDAYS at 5pm in the Danson Room, Trinity College

26 April (Week 1)

Joanna Wegner (Warsaw University):

Accumulation of resources in the monasteries of Middle Egypt and its effect on the communities

3 May (Week 2)

Julien Cooper (Oxford University)

Nomad Christians: The emergence and decline of Christianity among the Beja-Blemmyes in Late Antiquity

10 May (Week 3)

Johannes Zachhuber (Oxford University):

The human individuality of Jesus Christ in some Greek church fathers

17 May (Week 4)

Christian Sahner (Oxford University)

The Zoroastrian priest in the Caliph's majlis: A middle Persian dispute text in its Islamic context

24 May (Week 5)

Judith Herrin (King's College London):

The Cosmographer of Ravenna: a seventh-century world view

31 May (Week 6)

Hartmut Leppin (Frankfurt University):

Creating a city of believers - Rabbula of Edessa

7 June (Week 7)

Philip Wood (Aga Khan University):

Community boundaries in an Islamicate church: the legislation of the Jacobite church in the ninth century

14 June (Week 8)

Robert Wiśniewski (Warsaw University):

Did the late-antique clergy successfully disengage from society?

Conveners: Phil Booth and Bryan Ward-Perkins

Classics Seminar at Corpus Christi College: “Late Antique Alexandria: Philosophical and Historical Perspectives”

WEDNESDAYS, 5.00–6.30pm, in Weeks 2–8 of Trinity Term 2018
Corpus Christi College, Seminar Room

2 May (Week 2)

Judith McKenzie (University of Oxford):

What did Alexandria look like in the fifth century AD?

9 May (Week 3)

Richard Sorabji (University of Oxford):

How Ammonius (445?–517/26) paved the way for the expansion of Greek philosophy to other cultures

16 May (Week 4)

Anna Marmodoro (University of Oxford):

Late Antique Alexandria: Philosophical and Historical Perspective

23 May (Week 5)

Neil McLynn (University of Oxford):

The subtleties of Synesius: on heretical preachers and reprobate governors

30 May (Week 6)

Riccardo Chiaradonna (Roma Tre University):

Porphyry and Alexandrian Neoplatonism

6 June (Week 7)

Jay Bregman (University of Mayne):

Synesius among Hellenes and Christians in early fifth-century Alexandria

13 June (Week 8)

Mark Edwards (University of Oxford):

[Title to be confirmed]

Conveners: Anna Marmodoro and Neil McLynn

The Cult of Saints in the First Millennium

FRIDAYS, 5.00–7.00 pm (Week 1 at 6pm)

in Weeks 1, 3, 5 and 7 of Trinity Term 2018

Trinity College, Sutro Room

27 April (Week 1): **Note different time above**

Monica White (Nottingham):

Fabricating Martyrs in Early Rus

11 May (Week 3)

Nikolaos Karydis (Kent):

Reconstructing Justinian’s Church of the Holy Apostles in Constantinople

25 May (Week 5)

David Lambert (Oxford):

The Sudden Rise of Trophimus of Arles

8 June (Week 7) [change of speaker and title]

Sergey Minov (Oxford):

Promoting Cult of Friday among Syriac Christians: The Witness of the Story of the Holy Friday

Convener: Efthymios Rizos

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

TUESDAYS, 5 to 6.30pm

Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies,

Clarendon Institute, Walton Street

The following two seminars in this series are relevant to Late Antiquity:

1 May (Week 2)

Professor Sir Fergus Millar (Brasenose):

Representing Jews and Judaism in Syriac literature: (2) The Temple and Jerusalem

5 June (Week 7)

Professor Moulie Vidas (Princeton):

Talmudic scholarship in late ancient Palestine: ideology and practice

Convener: Professor Martin Goodman

Virtual Centre for Late Antiquity Research Webinar on Procopius

Monday 23 April 2018
4.30–6pm (UK time)

The VCLA's equivalent of a terrestrial research seminar, the Research Webinar will host either individual speakers or panels on subjects across the spectrum of the field of Late Antiquity.

The first webinar is on the sixth-century historian, Procopius. The panellists will be:

- Dr Ian Colvin (Cambridge)
- Dr Conor Whately (Winnipeg)
- Dr Miranda Williams (Oxford)

Following the publication of Christopher Lillington-Martin & Elodie Turquois (eds), *Procopius of Caesarea: Literary and Historical Interpretations* (Routledge, London & New York, 2017), we will be discussing current research problems in the study of Procopius. Topics are expected to include:

- Procopius' sources and his methods of working with them
- Procopius' sincerity and what we can believe, following recent very different approaches to his preface
- The relevance of his subject matter (should Procopius have focused on other issues that were more representative of his age?) and how useful a source he is
- The relationship between Procopius' works
- His greatness as an historian

To register your interest in the occasion, and to receive further details, please email Dr Alexander Skinner at director@vcla.org.uk

<https://vcla.org.uk/events/research-webinar/>