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# Late Antiquity

in Oxford

between April 22 and June 2019

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# LECTURES & EVENTS

## Gold Glass Memorial Day for Daniel T. Howells

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### DATE AND TIME

Sat 27 April 2019  
09:30 (registration) – 17:30 BST

### LOCATION

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

### DESCRIPTION

A conference, co-hosted by Drs Susan Walker (Oxford University) and Ine Jacobs (Ioannou Centre), 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. Sessions will be chaired by, amongst others, Mr Chris Entwistle (British Museum) and Prof. Liz James (Sussex University) who brought Dr Howells' work to publication.

### Draft Programme

#### Speakers:

1. Dr Giulia Cesarin: "Gold-band glass: from Hellenistic to Roman luxury glass production."
2. Drs Yasoko Fujii and Hidetoshi Namiki: "A Study of Continuity: gold leaf techniques on gold glass. From Hellenistic 'Kirikane' to Late Roman 'Scratching'."
3. Mr Will Lewis: "A Constantinian prince's guide to religion and culture in the mid-fourth century."
4. Dr Susan Walker: "Craft, consumers and the value of gold-glass in late antique Rome."
5. Dr Lucy Grig: "'Cultures of Conviviality': thinking about the role of the gold glasses in feasting and conviviality."
6. Dr Eileen Rubery: "Gold glass and the cults of female saints in Rome: whatever happened to the Virgin Mary?"

The conference is made with generous assistance and support of the Ashmolean Museum and Oxford University. Tickets (£15) available via:-

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/gold-glass-memorial-day-for-daniel-t-howells-tickets-49383275707>

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# LECTURES & EVENTS

Book discussion

**Mark Edwards**

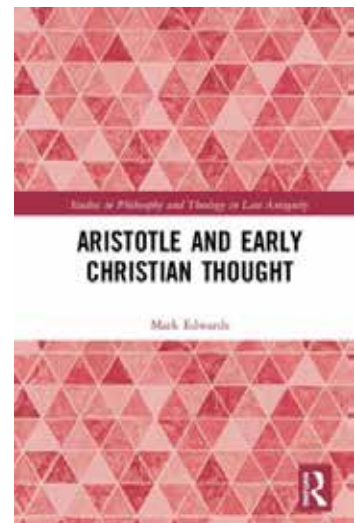
**[Aristotle and Early Christian Thought](#)**

*Studies in Philosophy and Theology in Late Antiquity*  
(Routledge 2019)

The book discussion will take place on Tuesday **14 May 2019, at 5.00 pm, in the Seminar room, Corpus Christi College** with the participation of the author and four colleagues, who will comment on the book:

- Anna Marmodoro
- Giulio Maspero
- Robert Wozniak
- Johannes Zachhuber

After the seminar all participants will be most welcome to join the speakers for drinks.



In studies of early Christian thought, 'philosophy' is often a synonym for 'Platonism', or at most for 'Platonism and Stoicism'. However, it was Aristotle who, from the sixth century AD to the Italian Renaissance, was the dominant Greek voice in Christian, Muslim and Jewish philosophy.

*Aristotle and Early Christian Thought* is the first book in English to give a synoptic account of the slow appropriation of Aristotelian thought in the Christian world from the second to the sixth century. Concentrating on the great theological topics – creation, the soul, the Trinity, and Christology – it makes full use of modern scholarship on the Peripatetic tradition after Aristotle, explaining the significance of Neoplatonism as a mediator of Aristotelian logic. While stressing the fidelity of Christian thinkers to biblical presuppositions which were not shared by the Greek schools, it also describes their attempts to overcome the pagan objections to biblical teachings by a consistent use of Aristotelian principles, and follows their application of these principles to matters which lay outside the purview of Aristotle himself.

# LECTURES & EVENTS

New Critical Approaches to the Byzantine World

## Imperialism, Colonialism and Postcolonialism in the Byzantine World

17<sup>th</sup> May 2019

St Luke's Chapel, Radcliffe Humanities, Woodstock Road

09.00 - 09.30	<b>Arrival &amp; Coffee</b>	13:30 - 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>
09.30 - 10.00	<b>Welcome &amp; Introduction</b> Mirela Ivanova - Balliol College, Oxford Matthew Kinloch - Austrian Academy of Sciences, Vienna	14:30 - 16:30	<b>Session 3: Can the Byzantine World be Postcolonial?</b> Discussion with Robert J.C. Young
10.00 - 11.30	<b>Session 1: Imperialism and Colonialism in Byzantium</b> Chair: Catherine Holmes  <b>Beyond Methodological Imperialism: Medieval New Rome from a Subaltern Perspective</b> Nicholas Matheou - Institute of Historical Research, London  <b>Byzantine Subalterns from an Archaeological Perspective</b> Sophie Moore - Cardiff University	<b>Discussion readings:</b>  <b>General</b> R.J.C. Young, 'Introduction', <i>Empire, Colony, Postcolony</i> (Chichester, 2015) pp.1-6.  E. Said, <i>Orientalism</i> (London, 1978), pp. 1-73.  <b>Medieval History</b> J.J. Cohen 'Introduction. Midcolonial' in ed. <i>The Postcolonial Middle Ages</i> (Basingstoke, 2000), pp. 1-18.  S. Gaunt, 'Can the Middle Ages be Post-Colonial?' <i>Comparative Literature</i> 61 (2009), pp. 160-76.	
11.30 - 12.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
12.00 - 13.30	<b>Session 2: Imperialism and Colonialism in Byzantine Studies</b> Chair: Averil Cameron  <b>Byzantium and Orientalism</b> Jules Gleeson - University of Vienna  <b>The Postcolonial Turn in Medieval Studies, False Starts and New Horizons</b> Alexandra Vukovich - St Edmund's College, Oxford	<b>Links to all set reading in PDF will be available on our network website.</b> <a href="https://torch.web.ox.ac.uk/new-critical-approaches-to-the-byzantine-world-network#">https://torch.web.ox.ac.uk/new-critical-approaches-to-the-byzantine-world-network#</a>	<b>16:30 - 16:45</b> <b>Closing Remarks</b>  <b>17.00 - 18:30</b> <b>Drinks Reception (Seminar Room, TORCH)</b>

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# LECTURES & EVENTS

## A Conference to Celebrate Bryan Ward-Perkins

Danson Room, Trinity College, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June (from 5pm) to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June



Bryan Ward-Perkins is retiring this year, after many years of service to Late Antique and Byzantine Studies and to academic life in Oxford. Please join friends, colleagues, and former students for a series of papers in his honour.

Speakers will include Averil Cameron, Ulrich Gehr, Ine Jacobs, Luke Lavan, Simon Loseby, Carlos Machado, Javier Martinez Jimenez, Neil McLynn, Efthymis Rizos, Claire Sotinel, Robert Wisniewski, George Woudhuysen, and others. A full programme will be circulated closer to the event.

The event is free but please register with Phil Booth ([philip.booth@spc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:philip.booth@spc.ox.ac.uk)) in advance.

# SEMINARS Mondays

29 April: Hans-Werner Fischer-Elfert (Leipzig)  
*Teaching Egyptian in Ancient Egypt: Exercises, Paradigms, and Categories*

6 May: Raffaella Cribiore (NYU)  
*An Encomium Concerning Herakles*

13 May: Jenny Cromwell (Manchester)  
*Coptic Education in Roman and Late Antique Egypt*

20 May: Sophia Xenophontos (Glasgow)  
*George Pachymeres' Commentary on Aristotle's Nicomachean Ethics*

27 May: Andrzej Chankowski (Lille)  
*The Greek Ephebeia*

3 June: Cecily Hennessy (London)  
*Children, Adolescents, Books and Learning in Byzantium*

10 June: Arietta Papaconstantinou (Reading)  
*Uses of Literacy in Early Islamic Egypt*

17 June: Eleanor Dickey (Reading)  
*What Did People Actually Do in a Roman School?*

**Mondays, 5.30 pm, Trinity Term 2019**  
**Swire Seminar Room, University College**

*Perspectives on Education  
from the  
Ancient and Medieval Mediterranean World*



# SEMINARS Tuesdays

Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies, University of Oxford

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

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

Convenor: **Professor Martin Goodman**

Week 1, April 30:

**Professor Martin Goodman** (Oxford)  
'Paul as persecutor in the history of Judaism'

Week 2, May 7:

**Professor Jonathan Price** (Tel Aviv)  
'Beth She'arim: a congregation of cultures'

Week 3, May 14:

**Dr Tali Artman-Partock** (KCL)  
'Why is it so hard to find women in Hebrew tours of hell? A history of a tradition'

Week 4, May 21:

**Dr Helen Spurling** (Southampton)  
'The representation of Arabs in late-antique apocalyptic literature'

Week 5, May 28:

**Professor Kai Brodersen** (Erfurt)  
'Earth, wind and fire: how the Septuagint translated divine elements'  
[Septuagint Forum]

Week 6, June 4:

**Dr Theofili Kampianaki** (Birmingham)  
'Aspects of the appropriation of Flavius Josephus in medieval Greek and Latin literature'

Week 7, June 11:

**Dr Julia Krivoruchko** (Cambridge)  
'The silence of the idols: the story of ἄλαλος from classical into medieval (Judaeo-) Greek'  
[Septuagint Forum]

Week 8, June 18:

**NO SEMINAR.**

**Friday June 21: Workshop on 70 years of the Dead Sea Scrolls**

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**ALL ARE WELCOME**



# SEMINARS Wednesdays

Boethius, *De Consolatione Philosophiae* below. All welcome.

Wednesdays, 13.15-14.30, Russell Room, Balliol College.

## **Week 1 Wednesday 1st May**

Introduction.

Boethius, the *De Consolatione Philosophiae*, selected passages from book 1 – [MML and TA](#)

## **Week 2 Wednesday 8th May**

Boethius and Ovid – [Dr Tristan Franklins](#)

## **Week 3 Wednesday 15th May**

Book 1 ctd.

Suggested focus: 1.IV.1–174 [1.4.1-46]\* (part of Boethius' long lament over his treatment by fortune). [Oskar Andersson](#)

## **Week 4 Wednesday 22nd May**

Book 2.

Suggested focus: 2.V.1–104 [2.5.1-35] + poem *felix nimium prior aetas* (on the emptiness of possessions, the knowledge of self, and the blessings of the simple life). [Ólafur Arnason](#)

## **Week 5 Wednesday 29th May**

Book 3.

Suggested focus: 3.II.1–79 [3.2.1-20] + poem *Quantas rerum flectat habenas* (on happiness as the *summum bonum*, and the various [false] routes of seeking it). [Stefano Cianciosi](#)

## **Week 6 Wednesday 5th June**

Book 4.

Suggested focus:

(a) 4.III.1–69 [4.3.1-21] + poem *Vela Neritii ducis* (wickedness is its own punishment, by turning the wicked into beasts). [Katherine Krauss](#)

(b) 4.VI.1–101 [4.3.1-22] (on providence and fate). [David Kaufman](#)

## **Week 7 Wednesday 12th June**

Boethius and Horace – [Prof. Stephen Harrison](#)

## **Week 8 Wednesday 19th June**

Book 5 – [Dr Stephen Blackwood](#)

\*References are to the Loeb edition (1973) or in [] to the Teubner edition (2000).

Convenors: Dr Tobias Allendorf and Dr Michael Malone-Lee



# SEMINARS Wednesdays

## *Boethius (historical and philosophical perspectives)*

All talks take place at Corpus Christi College, Seminar Room,  
5:00pm to 6:30pm.

Drinks are served afterwards, to which all are warmly invited.

- 01/05/2019    **John Magee** (University of Toronto)  
Boethius and the Legacy of Alexander of Aphrodisias.
- 08/05/2019    **Christophe Erismann** (University of Vienna)  
Confuting Heresies with Aristotelian Logic. Boethius and Leontius of Byzantium against Eutyches and Nestorius.
- 15/05/2019    **Gyula Klima** (Fordham University)  
De Bono: Boethius' De Hebdomadibus.
- 22/05/2019    **Mark Edwards** (University of Oxford)  
TBC
- 29/05/2019    **John Marenbon** (University of Cambridge)  
TBC
- 05/06/2019    **Peter Heather** (King's College London)  
TBC
- 12/06/2019    **Giovanni Catapano** (University of Padova)  
The Harmony between Plato and Aristotle in the Consolation.
- 19/06/2019    **Mark Vessey** (The University of British Columbia)  
Intimations of the Architext: Boethius and Others of Cassiodorus' Kind.

# SEMINARS Wednesdays

## Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

WEDNESDAYS at 5pm, Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles'

All seminars in the Lecture Theatre, except for Week 5 in the First Floor Seminar Room

1 May (Week 1) **Claudia Sode** (Cologne), *Seals and Identity in Byzantium*

3 May (Week 1), 12-1pm SPECIAL SEMINAR: **Staffan Wahlgren** (Trondheim), *Futures of the Past: the secondary versions of the Chronicle of the Logothete from a philologist's point of view*

8 May (Week 2) **Staffan Wahlgren** (Trondheim), *Variation in Learned Byzantine Greek*

15 May (Week 3) **Katerina Vavaliou et al.** (OUBS), *Report on the trip to Greece*

22 May (Week 4) **Mirela Ivanova** (Oxford), *Cyril and Methodios, apostles to the Slavs? Missionary Hagiography between Rome and Constantinople*

29 May (Week 5) **Alessandra Petrocchi** (Oxford), *Arithmetic Texts and Networks of Learning: From Medieval India Through the Mediterranean World* (First Floor Seminar Room)

5 Jun (Week 6) SPECIAL OCBR LECTURE: **Jean-Luc Fournet** (Collège de France, Paris), *Homer and Late antique Poetry in the light of new poems by Dioscorus of Aphrodite*

12 Jun (Week 7) **Petros Bouras-Vallianatos** (Edinburgh), *Cross-cultural transfer of medical knowledge in the medieval Mediterranean: from the Islamic world to Byzantium*

19 Jun (Week 8) **Zachary Chitwood** (Mainz), *Orthodox Death, Burial and Commemoration in Late Byzantium and under Ottoman Rule, ca. 1300-1600*

Conveners: Marek Jankowiak and Marc Lauxtermann

# SEMINARS Thursdays

## THE LATE ANTIQUE AND BYZANTINE ARCHAEOLOGY AND ART SEMINAR

TRINITY TERM 2019, WEEKS 1-4

THURSDAYS 11-12:30

IOANNOU CENTRE, FIRST FLOOR SEMINAR ROOM

- 2 May     Andrea Mattiello – Visual Antiquarianism in Mystras
- 9 May     Michael Zellmann-Rohrer – Womb, black and blackened:  
Textual and iconic help with hysteria from Late Antiquity  
and Byzantium
- 16 May    Jacopo Gnisci – Visualizing Kingship in early Solomonic  
Ethiopia
- 23 May    Vendi Jukić Buča – Late Antiquity in Pula (Croatia) -  
St Theodore's Quarter

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# SEMINARS Thursdays

## ‘After Rome’: Aspects of the History and Archaeology of the Fifth to Seventh Centuries:

The seminar meets on **Thursdays at 5pm** in the Danson Room, **Trinity College**, except in Weeks 1 and 7, when it will meet in Trinity’s Sutro Room.

2 May (Week 1) (***Sutro Room***) **Bea Leal** (Oxford)

‘A mosaic of mosaics: the decoration of the Great Mosque of Damascus’

9 May (Week 2) **Ali Bonner** (Cambridge University)

‘The myth of Pelagianism in context’

16 May (Week 3) **Vivien Prigent** (CNRS and Maison Française d’Oxford)

‘Managing the *Patrimonium Sancti Petri* in Byzantine Sicily’

23 May (Week 4) **To be confirmed**

30 May (Week 5) **Mark Laynesmith** (University of Reading)

‘The doctrine of baptism by blood: a reappraisal’

6 June (Week 6) **Efthymios Rizos** (Oxford)

‘The murals of the imperial cult chamber in Luxor: New observations’

13 June (Week 7) (***Sutro Room***) **Phil Booth** (Oxford)

‘Memories of Maurice in the age of Heraclius’

20 June (Week 8) A conference to celebrate Bryan Ward-Perkins (see separate poster)

*Conveners:* Phil Booth  
Bryan Ward-Perkins (but not for Week 8!)