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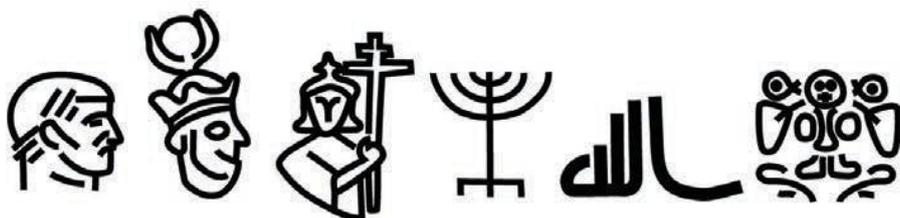


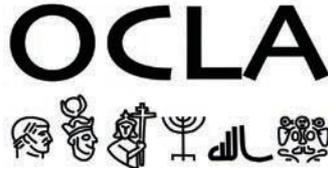
Listed here are the lectures, seminars, and events
in the field of Late Antiquity in Oxford

Hilary Term 2025

Details are also available on our website:

<https://ocla.web.ox.ac.uk>





Preface

Dear all,

Please find below the listings in the field of Late Antiquity for Hilary Term 2025, which include not only the core subject seminars but also several special events. A warm thanks to all those colleagues who have organized this rich programme for us. If you are aware of relevant events which are not listed below, please let me know on ocla@history.ox.ac.uk or philip.booth@theology.ox.ac.uk so that details can be circulated to members. More information about the mission and membership of the Centre can be found at <https://ocla.web.ox.ac.uk>, which among other things provides details about grants available to support events and activities in the field.

Very best wishes for a happy and healthy term,

Phil Booth
Director, OCLA

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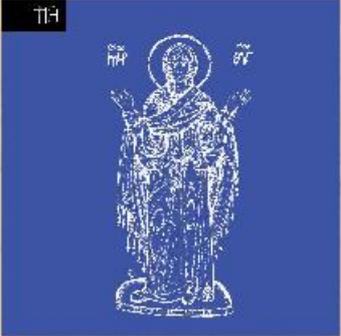
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Special Events



**THE OXFORD CENTRE FOR LATE ANTIQUITY
INVITES YOU TO A CELEBRATION OF:**

<p>Theodore of Sykeon: <i>The Life</i> by George and the <i>Encomium</i> by Nicephorus</p> <p><small><i>Translated with introduction and notes by Michael Whitby with Richard Price</i></small></p> <div style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Ⲑⲉ </div>	<p>Theodore Syncellus: <i>The Homilies</i> 'On the Robe' and 'On the Siege'</p> <p><small><i>Translated with introduction and notes by Michael Whitby</i></small></p> <div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Ⲑⲉ </div>
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**MICHAEL WHITBY AND RICHARD PRICE,
*THEODORE OF SYKEON: THE LIFE BY GEORGE AND
THE ENCOMIUM BY NICEPHORUS***

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**MICHAEL WHITBY, *THEODORE SYNCELLUS:
THE HOMILIES 'ON THE ROBE' AND 'ON THE SIEGE'***

Please join the authors, James Howard-Johnston,
and Bryan Ward-Perkins for discussion

MBI Al Jaber Auditorium, Corpus Christi College, Tuesday 11th February 5pm
A drinks reception will follow

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Special Events

OXFORD CENTRE FOR EARLY MEDIEVAL BRITAIN AND IRELAND



Week 2 Lunch and Launch

*Thursday 30 January, 12.30-2pm
Massey Room, Balliol College*

An opportunity for people to discuss their current research and celebrate the launch of the Centre's new website over a free buffet lunch.

Week 5 Visit to Silk Roads Exhibition

*Friday 21 February, 18.00
British Museum*

A fieldtrip to visit the Silk Roads exhibition and see early medieval finds from Britain in a global context.



A limited number of subsidised tickets will be available; please email tristan.alohev@stx.ox.ac.uk if you would like to join us. We will meet by the finds from Sutton Hoo at 17.15 in Room 41.

Week 8 *Silk Roads at the British Museum: A co-curatorial journey* Dr Sue Brunning

*Tuesday 11 March, 16.00
Gillis Lecture Theatre, Balliol College*

Sue is Curator of European Early Medieval Collections at the British Museum and author of *The Sword in Early Medieval Northern Europe*. She will talk about her experience of curating this smash-hit exhibition.

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Special Events

OUBS International Graduate Conference

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27th International
Graduate Conference

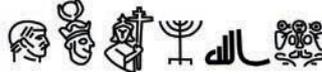
Oxford and Online
1st - 2nd March 2025



Faculty of History, George Street (1st – 2nd March).

For more information and the conference schedule please see [here](#).

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Special Events

Reading Jews in Late Antiquity

Hilary Term, 4 meetings, Thursdays 14:00-15:00 (weeks 1, 3, 7) and 13:00-14:00 (week 5)

Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre
Clarendon Institute, Walton Street Oxford, OX1 2HG

Co-lead by Prof. Meron Piotrkowski and Ya'el Nu'emah-Kremer

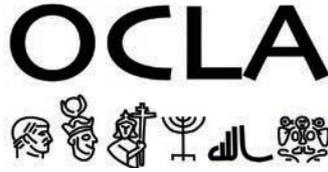
This course offers a comprehensive exploration of Jews during Late Antiquity, highlighting their multifaceted roles within the broader Mediterranean and Near Eastern worlds. Through a close examination of literary and non-literary sources—such as papyri, inscriptions, and Rabbinic texts—we will investigate key themes in the life of Jews and Jewish communities between the Roman and Sassanian worlds, and under the rule of other religious, legal, and social frameworks.

The four sessions of Hilary Term will focus on the following topics:

- (1) Jewish Women and Communal Roles
- (2) The Emperor and the Jews: Between Fact and Fiction
- (3) Late Roman Law Codices and the Jews
- (4) Violence Against Jews and Jewish Violence (led by Dr. Osnat E. Rance)

For more information and to register, please contact Ya'el Nu'emah-Kremer through yael.kremer@ames.ox.ac.uk





Seminars

Mondays

Medieval History Seminar

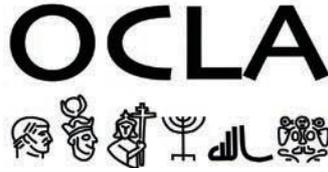
Convenors: Julia Smith, Laure Miolo, and John Merrington

Time: Monday, 5pm

Venue: Wharton Room, All Souls College

Online: The Teams session can be accessed by logging in to Teams with your .ox.ac.uk account and joining the group “Medieval History Research Seminar” (team code rmppucs). If you have any difficulties please email: medhistsem@history.ox.ac.uk

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| (W1) 20 th January | Christian Sahner (New/AMES)
‘A History of Mountains in Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages: North Africa, Syria, and Iran’ |
| (W2) 27 th January | Nora Berend (Cambridge)
‘Stephen I of Hungary: medieval myths and modern nationalism’ |
| (W3) 3 rd February | Alice Rio (KCL)
‘Twelve migrant women and the history of early medieval Europe’ |
| (W4) 10 th February | Ian Haynes (Newcastle/All Souls)
‘Visualising the Lateran Patriarchium: Recent research by the Rome Transformed Project’ |
| (W5) 17 th February | Michael Eber (Oxford/Cologne)
‘Re- and mis-gendering St Marina*us in high medieval Italy’ |
| (W6) 24 th February | Alexandra Sapoznik (KCL)
‘Economic and cultural connections within Mediterranean ecosystems’ |
| (W7) 3 rd March | Simon MacLean (St Andrews)
‘Listing royal lands in the Carolingian Empire’ |
| (W8) 10 th March | Daisy Livingston (Durham)
‘How to qualify as a notary in the early-16th century Mamluk Sultanate’ |



Seminars

Tuesdays

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

Convenors: Meron Piotrkowski

Time: Tuesday, 2pm

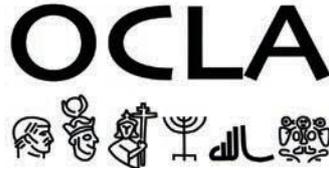
Venue: Catherine Lewis Lecture Theatre, Clarendon Institute

Please note the following seminar of interest to members:

(W4) 11th February **Geoffrey Herman** (École Pratique des Hautes Études, Paris)
'Whosoever Desires to Libate the Wine on the Altar Should Fill the
Throats of the Rabbis with Wine: The Babylonian Rabbinic
Movement: Distinctive and Shared Features within a Sasanian
Context'

Online: Please register at the link to participate via Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Z17wA6zYSbSeqkmxcScLtQ>



Seminars

Wednesdays

Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

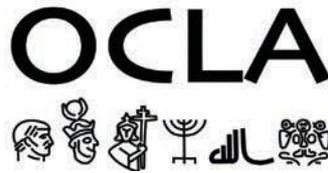
Convenors: Marc Lauxtermann

Time: Wednesday, 5pm

Venue: Lecture Theatre, Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles

Online: Join online via Microsoft Teams by clicking [here](#)

- (W1) 22nd January **Kevin Blachford** (KCL & Defence Academy)
‘World Order in Late Antiquity: The “Two Eyes” Rivalry of Byzantium and Sasanian Persia’
- (W2) 29th January **Phil Booth** (Oxford)
‘John of Ephesus: Historian on the Edge’
- (W3) 5th February **Dan Gallaher** (Oxford)
‘Beyond a Boundary: Armenia and Byzantium in the Ninth Century’
- (W4) 12th February **Jonathan Shepard** (Oxford),
‘Soft Power, Old and New: Debating the Byzantine Commonwealth’
- (W5) 19th February **Olivia Ramble** (Oxford)
‘Of Scripts and Scribes: Investigating Practices of Writing in Late Antique Iran’
- (W6) 26th February **Andy Hilkens** (Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften)
‘Dialogue and Debate between Syriac and Armenian Miaphysites in the Eleventh and Twelfth Centuries’
- (W7) 5th March **Tommaso Giuliodoro** (Durham)
‘New Approaches to the Byzantine Army of North Africa in the 7th Century: Organisation, Strategies, and Challenges’
- (W8) 12th March **Michael Featherstone** (Oxford) & **Juan Signes Codoñer** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)
‘A Team of Palace Historians: the Final Redactions of *Theophanes Continuatus* and the *De Cerimoniis*’



Seminars

Thursdays

Late Roman Seminar

Convenors: Alison John, Conrad Leyser, and Neil McLynn

Time: Thursday, 4pm

Venue: Seminar Room, Corpus Christi College

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| (W1) 23 rd January | Klazina Staat (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
'Egeria's views from the mountain: female agency and biblical stylization in the <i>Itinerarium Egeriae</i> ' |
| (W2) 30 th January | Neil McLynn (Corpus)
'Marcella's Jerome' |
| (W3) 6 th February | Peter Norton (Independent)
'The Choice of Nicaea for the council of 325' |
| (W4) 13 th February | Robert Wiśniewski (Warsaw)
'How popular was the cult of St Peter?' |
| (W5) 20 th February | Ignazio Tantillo (University of Cassino and Southern Lazio)
'In the palace of late Roman emperors: spaces, objects and rituals' |
| (W6) 27 th February | Sigrid Cullhed (Uppsala)
'Proba and education in late antiquity' |
| (W7) 6 th March | Erika Hermanowicz (The University of Georgia)
'Translators and <i>Traditores</i> : Confronting the Conference of Carthage' |
| (W8) 13 th March | Mark Vessey (University of British Columbia)
'Literary beginnings in Latin Late Antiquity (A Preface to St Jerome)' |