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

Michaelmas term 2022-2023 (October - December)

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

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

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Preface

Dear all,

Summer passes all too quickly and again we find ourselves on the brink of a new academic year. For the first time in over two years I can claim with some confidence that we have returned to normal, with a full schedule of in-person events throughout the term. Nevertheless some events retain one of the best innovations from the pandemic - the ability for those unable to come in person to listen and participate online.

Within this booklet - for which we owe a debt of profound thanks to the OCLA Secretary Dr Vendi Jukić Buča - you can find the list of seminars and other gatherings which colleagues have organised for us in Michaelmas Term. If for some reason an event does not appear, or if you become aware of something of interest to members, please let us know on <u>ocla@history.ox.ac.uk</u> and we can advertise it via our mailing list.

For those of you new to Oxford, the Oxford Centre for Late Antiquity is a virtual centre which gathers together the various academics, students, and visitors working in the field of Late Antiquity. We are proudly a broad church, embracing all regions of Late Antique Eurasia c. 200-c.800 AD and gathering members across multiple Humanities departments. The Centre is responsible for producing this booklet but also advertising wider events in the field, and providing funding to support events and activities connected to Late Antiquity and to Oxford. More information can be found on our website, www.ocla.ox.ac.uk, and any queries can be directed to the email address above. Please do follow our Facebook page too, where Vendi gathers information about jobs, events, and news within the field.

Very best wishes for a happy and healthy term.

Phil Booth

Director of OCLA











Impressum

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OCLA site administrators and content editor **Vendi Jukić Buča**

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Contact us

If you would like to inform us about the events in your organisation, or wish to be sent occasional emails detailing forthcoming events in Oxford, please email Vendi Jukić Buča to ocla@history.ox.ac.uk.

Oxford, October 2022.



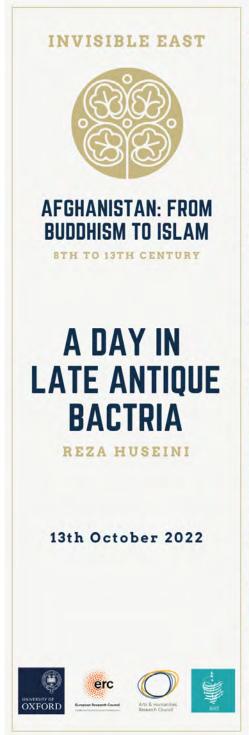
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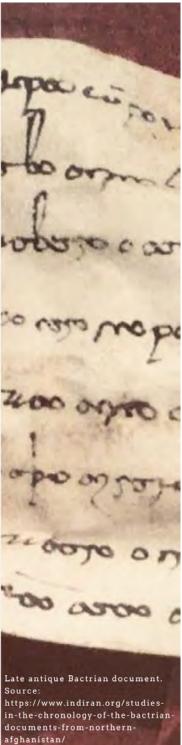
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Lectures and Events

The Invisible East team is delighted to invite you to its forthcoming event





Thursday, 13th October, 5PM

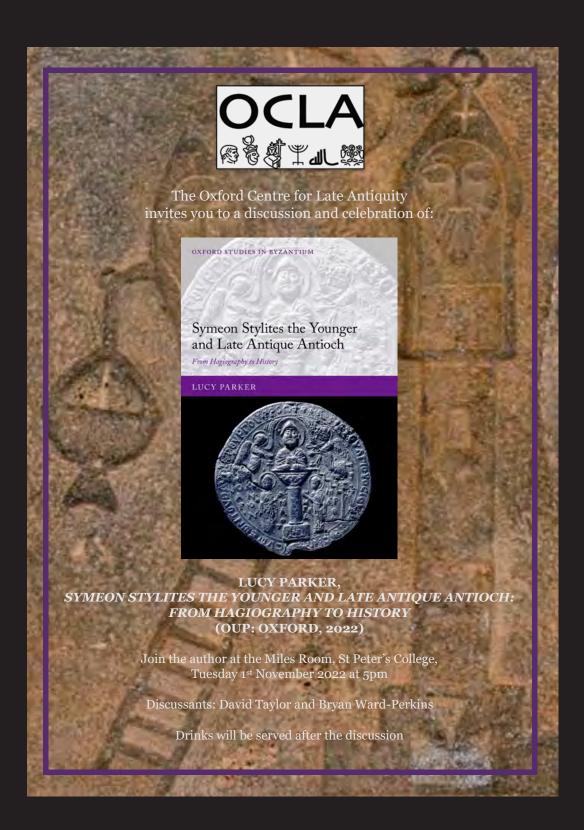
A Day in Late Antique Bactria with Reza Huseini

The lecture is in Persian.

To stay updated on the activities and events of the Invisible East team, visit our website (https://campsite.to/invisibleeast) or follow on social media.



Lectures and Events





Mondays

Oxford Byzantine Graduate Seminar

Mondays at 12:30-14:00 UK time, via Zoom.

To register, please contact the organiser at james.cogbill@worc.ox.ac.uk.

Please note that there is no need to register if you have previously subscribed to the seminar mailing list.

(W3) 24 October	Joaquin Serrano (University of Edinburgh) 'The reliquary-cross of Saint Constantine and the military use of holy relics'
(W4) 31 October	Nuna Terri (Université libre de Bruxelles) 'Saint Thekla's popularity in Rough Cilicia'
(W5) 7 November	Niels De Ridder (KU Leuven/Universität zu Köln) 'Representations of Jews in Middle-Byzantine hagiographical apocalypses'
(W6) 14 November	Elvira Miceli (University of Oxford) 'The Byzantine Heritage of the Liber ad honorem Augusti'
(W7) 21 November	Bahattin Bayram (İstanbul Medeniyet University) 'Barbarians of Eusebius'
(W8) 28 November	İrem Kısacık (İstanbul Medeniyet University) 'Emotions in Late Antiquity'
(W9) 5 December	Carlo Berardi (University of Michigan) 'Translating Chivalry: The Aesthetics of Warfare in the Age of the Komnenoi'
(W10) 12 December	Nila Namsechi (University of Birmingham) 'The Duchy of Naples under Byzantine rule'



Mondays

Medieval History Seminar

Convened by Ian Forrest, Julia Smith & Benjamin Thompson Student assistants: Antonia Anstatt, Annabel Hancock Mondays at 5 PM.

Wharton Room, All Souls College & Microsoft Teams.

This term the seminar will continue in a hybrid format, with a physical meeting in the Wharton Room together with simultaneous interactive access via Microsoft Teams. 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: medhistory.ox.ac.uk

The Teams link for the MT22 meetings is https://bit.ly/3ElkHkW.

(W1) 10 October	John Watts (Corpus) 'Political Economy and the Wars of the Roses'
(W2) 17 October	Christian Liddy (Durham) 'The city and the household: Towards a social history of politics in the late medieval town'
(W3) 24 October	Ildar Garipzanov (Oslo) 'Early Medieval Minuscule Texts: What, where, and why?'
(W4) 31 October	Julia Crick (KCL) 'Staffing the Conquest: Mobility, Stasis, and Scribal Work in England, 1066-1100'
(W5) 7 November	Lucia Akard (Oxford SU) 'Rape and Survival in Late Medieval France and Burgundy'
(W6) 14 November	Jane Kershaw (Institute of Archaeology) 'A new look at silver in the Golden Age of Islam'
(W7) 21 November	Barbara Bombi (Kent) 'Lost in translation: diplomacy and the use of languages at the papal curia in Avignon'
(W8) 28 November	Robert Wiśniewski (Warsaw) 'Avoid undue leaps. Clerical career paths in Late Antiquity'



Wednesdays

Late Antique Latin Reading Group

Convened by Alison John & David Addison Wednesdays at 11.30-12.30, wks. 1-8 (Michaelmas Term 2022) Hovenden Room, All Souls College

The Late Antique Latin Reading Group offers an opportunity to practice reading late antique Latin texts in an informal and friendly atmosphere. Each week, we will read part of a critical edition of a different Latin text, ranging chronologically from Tertullian (2ndcentury) to Isidore of Seville (7th century). These will be circulated a week in advance via email, with some suggestions for (optional) further reading. Each text will be briefly introduced by one of the convenors, who will offer historical context.

The Late Antique Latin Reading Group is open to anyone engaged in research on the late antique world. Though prior knowledge of Latin is required, we welcome people with a range of abilities. We particularly welcome graduate students and early career academics. If you would like to attend, or you have any questions, feel free to contact either of the convenors. Please do RVSP if you intend to attend, so that we can gauge numbers and circulate the readings.

Dr. Alison John (alison.john@all-souls.ox.ac.uk)

Dr. David Addison (david.addison@all-souls.ox.ac.uk)

(W1) 12 October Tertullian, De spectaculis

(W2) 19 October Ausonius, Technopaegnion

(W3) 26 October Egeria, Itinerarium

(W4) 2 November Patrick, Confessio

(W5) 9 November Gregory the Great, Register epistolarum, XIII.2

(W6) 16 November Jordanes, Getica

(W7) 23 November Regula Magistri

(W8) 30 November Isidore of Seville, *Synonyma*



Wednesdays

Late Antique and Byzantine Seminar

Convened by **Ine Jacobs, Marc Lauxtermann** & **Ida Toth**, in collaboration with **Olivier Delouis** (Maison Française d'Oxford)
Wednesdays at 5 PM

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies, 66 St Giles

(W1) 12 October	Claudia Rapp (Vienna) 'The Oxford conundrum: Cyril Mango and Byzantine elitism, or: what about popular culture?'
(W2) 19 October	Alberto Ravani (Oxford) "Manuscripts don't burn": Composition and story of the text of John Tzetzes' Homeric Allegories'
(W3) 26 October	Ine Jacobs (Oxford) 'The Byzantine Dark Ages at Stauropolis/Karia (FKA Aphrodisias)'
(W4) 2 November	Georgi Parpulov (Lincoln College) 'Middle-Byzantine Evangelist Portraits'
(W5) 9 November	Federica Scognamiglio (Scuola Normale Superiore) 'Before isometry: metrics and style of Ignatios the Deacon (and Pseudo-Ignatios)'
(W6) 16 November	Marie-Hélène Blanchet (CNRS) & Raúl Estangüi Gómez (Sorbonne) 'The Byzantine World in the Palaeologan Era: Empire(s) and Emerging Nation-States'
(W7) 23 November	Liz James (Univ. of Sussex) 'Connecting Mosaics'
(W8) 30 November	Michael Jeffreys (Oxford) 'Imperial ceremonies away from the Great Palace, 1148-1159: the evidence of Manganeios Prodromos'



Thursdays

Late Roman Seminar

Convened by Mattias Gassman, Alison John & Monica Hellström Thursdays at 4 PM at Corpus Christi College Seminar Room and Teams

MT 2022 Theme 'Literature and Civic Life in Late Antiquity'

Papers will no longer be distributed in advance and all speakers plan to appear in-person, but we are planning to run the seminar 'hybrid' via Teams to allow external participation (to be reviewed in case of low attendance). The online sessions can be accessed at https://bit.ly/3CbLjC3

Many thanks to The British Academy, Conrad Leyser and Worcester College, and The Faculty of Classics for their support in funding this term's Late Roman Seminar.

(W1) 13 October	Jaś Elsner 'Myron's Cow epigrams: Ausonius and Julian of Egypt'
(W2) 20 October	Raymond Ngoh 'Zosimus Historia Nova: Contra Orosium?'
(W3) 27 October	Andrew Wilson 'Celebrating the reconstruction of Aphrodisias in verse: Ampelios, Doulkitios, and the Place of Palms'
(W4) 3 November	Lucy Grig (Edinburgh) 'Popular culture and literary production in the late antique city'
(W5) 10 November	*5 PM start time this week* Nicola Holm (Exeter) 'Civic and Ecclesiastical Violence: The Episcopal Depositions of Athanasius of Alexandria, Paul of Constantinople, and George of Alexandria in Context'
(W6) 17 November	Mary Hitchman 'Ventriloquism and contested authorship: the letter of Paula and Eustochium to Marcella (Jerome, Ep. 46)'
(W7) 24 November	Lieve Van Hoof (Ghent) 'Lobbying through letters: Libanius as a littérateur in civic life'
(W8) 1 December	Daniel Hadas (KCL) 'How 'to go' in late antiquity: Classical and vernacular Latin and who spoke them'





Thursdays

KRC Research Seminar

Thursdays at 5:15 PM, Wolfson College, Seminar Room 2 Please contact the KRC administrator for more info: susannah.cogan@orinst.ox.ac.uk All welcome.

(W1) 13 October	Annapurna Garimella (Jackfruit Research and Design, Bangalore) 'Temple, palace, mosque: architects experiment in Vijayanagara'
(W2) 20 October	Jonathan Shepard (KRC Research Associate) 'Finding Ibn Faḍlān: knowns, unknowns and unknowables'
(W3) 27 October	Kayvan Tahmasebian (Bahari Visiting Fellow, Bodleian Libraries) 'Moraqqa' and Laff wa-nashr: intermedial aesthetics and interspaces of comparison'
(W4) 3 November	Aslı Niyazioğlu (Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies) 'The starling talisman of late fifteenth-century Istanbul: Ottoman historians' engagement with the city's antiquities'
(W5) 10 November	Lorenzo Bondioli (Peterhouse, University of Cambridge) 'Weaving capital and labour: the making of Egyptian textiles between the ninth and the twelfth centuries'
(W6) 17 November	Luke Treadwell (Khalili Research Centre) 'Qaṣr al-Ḥayr al-Sharqī and the Umayyad madīna'
(W7) 24 November	Yves Porter (Aix-Marseille Université) 'Kashan potters: supplies and distribution networks and the "Shi'ite connection" (late 12th–early 14th centuries)'
(W8) 1 December	All-day DocuMult workshop at Wolfson College. All welcome to attend — Programme TBC.





Fridays

Ancient Architecture Discussion Group

Organised by Ruairí Matheson-Kiernan, Luca Ricci & Maria Theodora Tzeli Fridays at 4 PM, location TBC Twitter: @oxfordAADG

Doric Octagonal Columns'

'Architecture and Innovation in the Graeco-Roman World: Ancient Practices and Modern Reading'

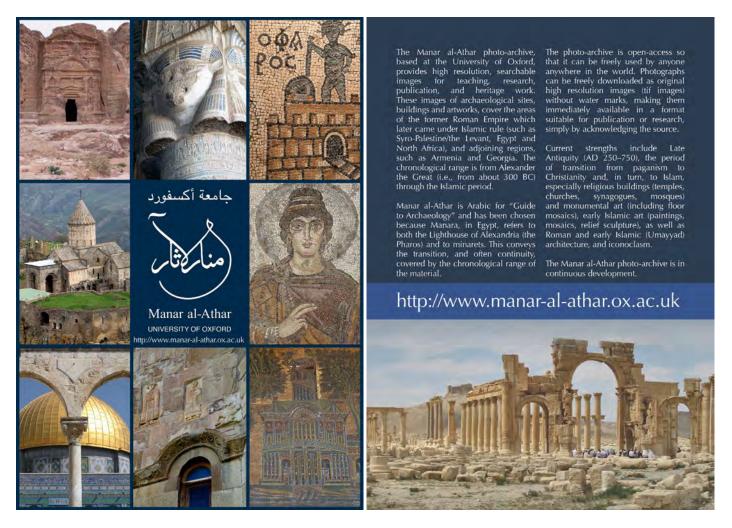
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(W1) 14 October	(Special Guest, In Person) Dr. Samuel Holtzman (Assistant Professor, Art & Archaeology, Princeton University) 'Concealing Structural Innovation in Greek Architecture: Flat Arch Construction in the 3rd-Century BCE Stoa on Samothrace'
(W2) 21 October	(Keynote Speaker, In Person) Mr. Mark Wilson Jones (Senior Lecturer, Architecture, University of Bath) 'Interpreting Ancient Precedent on the Spectrum from Imitation to Inventio'
(W3) 28 October	(In Person) Mr. Lukas Reimann (PhD Candidate, Classical Archaeology, University of Trier) 'The Social Aesthetics of Pompeiian Domus Façades Between Tradition and Innovation'
(W4) 4 November	(In Person) Ms. Sofia Servoli (PhD Candidate, Archaeology, Sapienza University of Rome) 'The Architecture of Firing: The Interplay Between Tradition and Innovation in the Potter's Workplace'
(W5) 11 November	(In Person) Ms. Carolyn La Rocco (PhD Candidate, Ancient History, University of St. Andrews) 'Baptism and Baptisteries on the Iberian Peninsula in Late Antiquity (4th–8th Centuries CE)'
(W6) 18 November	(Special Guest, Online) Dr. Seth Bernard (Associate Professor, Classics, University of Toronto) 'Towards a Comparative Energetics of Wall-Building in Hellenistic Italy'
(W7) 25 November	(In Person) Dr. Jean Vanden Broeck-Parant (Postdoc, F.R.S-FNRS, Université libre de Bruxelles) 'Innovation Between Agency and Context: The Adoption and Diffusion of the Π -Shaped Clamp in 4th-Century BCE Mainland Greece'
(W8) 2 December	(In Person) Dr. Therese Emanuelsson-Paulson (Postdoc, Classical Archaeology, Stockholm University) 'Local Innovations and Cultural Reconnection: A Local Style of

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Manar al-Athar open-access photo archive



Manar al-Athar is Arabic for 'Guide to Archaeology' and has been chosen because Manara, in Egypt, refers to both the Lighthouse of Alexandria (the Pharos) and to minarets. This conveys the transition, and often continuity, covered by the chronological range of the material.

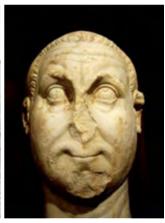
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'The Last Statues of Antiquity' database







'The Last Statues of Antiquity' database is from 4 May 2012 accessible to all and fully searchable, with over 2600 individual entries. The database consists of the published evidence for statuary and inscribed statue bases set up after AD 284, that were new, newly dedicated, or newly re-worked. This database was completed and made public in May 2012 (with only some minor revisions thereafter).

http://laststatues.classics.ox.ac.uk/



'The Cult of Saints' database



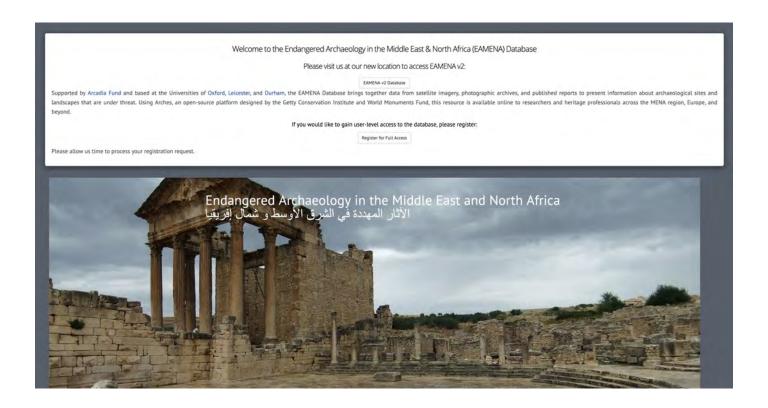
The project maps the cult of saints as a system of beliefs and practices in its earliest and most fluid form, from its origins until around AD 700 (by which date most cult practices were firmly established): the evolution from honouring the memory of martyrs, to their veneration as intercessors and miracle-workers; the different ways that saints were honoured and their help solicited; the devotion for relics, sacred sites and images; the miracles expected from the saints.

Central to the project is a searchable database, on which all the evidence for the cult of saints will be collected, presented (in its original languages and English translation), and succinctly discussed, whether in Armenian, Coptic, Georgian, Greek, Latin or Syriac.

http://cultofsaints.history.ox.ac.uk



EAMENA



Endangered Archaeology in the Middle East and North Africa

Supported by the Arcadia Fund and the Cultural Protection Fund and based at the Universities of Oxford, Leicester, and Durham EAMENA was established in January 2015 to respond to the increasing threats to archaeological sites in the Middle East and North Africa. This project uses satellite imagery to rapidly record and make available information about archaeological sites and landscapes which are under threat.

EAMENA's spatial database will provide the fundamental information for each site, including the level of risk and how each site relates to one another. It will be accessible to all heritage professionals and institutions with an interest and passion for the wonderfully rich and diverse archaeological heritage of the Middle East and North Africa. Not all damage and threats to the archaeology can be prevented, but they can be mitigated and so at the core of our project is the desire for excellence in heritage management. To this end, EAMENA works with relevant authorities on the ground to limit likely damage, share information and skills, strengthen networks and raise awareness. Fieldwork and outreach are essential components of the project and the EAMENA team will target investigations to the most threatened sites, visiting (where possible) to assess site conditions, make detailed records and liaise with national authorities to share data and findings.

http://eamena.arch.ox.ac.uk/



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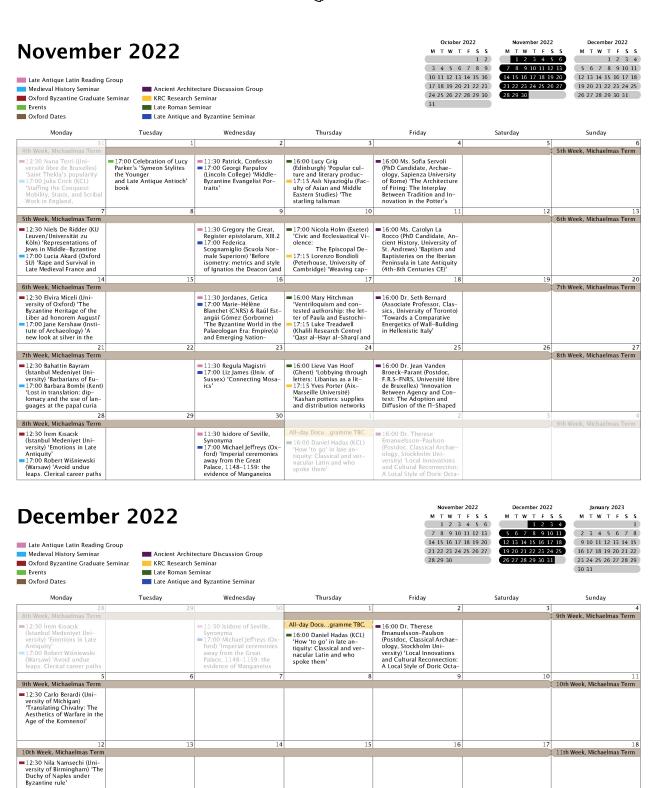
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