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# Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic

### ASNC Research Seminar

<https://www.asnc.cam.ac.uk/events/index.htm>

Seminar meets on Friday at 5pm and will take place either in the English Faculty building or on Zoom.

12 November (on Zoom)- Tom Grant, *Monster Fights and Dynastic Dramas: Hrólfs saga Gautrekssonar as an Analogue to Beowulf*

26 November (on Zoom)- Luca Larpi, *‘Why should you stutter out your ineptitudes?’ Mixed fortunes of Gildas’ complaint*

### ASNC Graduate Seminar

<https://www.asnc.cam.ac.uk/events/index.htm>

Seminar meets on Mondays at 5pm and will take place either in the English Faculty building or on Zoom.

18 October- Prof Stefan Brink, *Thraldom. What do we know of slavery in early Scandinavia*

1 November- Dr Kelly Kilpatrick, *The Newton Stones and Writing in Pictland*

8 November- Dr Roy Flechner, *From Bible to law: interpretation and adaptation in the Collectio Hibernensis and King Alfred’s Domboc*

15 November (via Zoom)- Andrew Rabin, *Judge Not: Rules, Norms, and Legal Ambiguity in the Early Medieval Ordeal*

22 November (please note, this session is for departmental members only)- Graduate Presentations. Anna Chacko, *Making and Breaking Frames in Embodiment and Surgical Experimentation in ‘Egils saga einhenda ok Ásmundar berserkjabana’*, and Emily Clarke, tbc

### E.C. Quiggin Memorial Lecture

Professor Ralph O’Connor, Michaelmas Term, 2021

### Kathleen Hughes Memorial Lecture

Professor Dauvit Broun, Easter Term, 2022

Reading Groups

Medieval Irish- Mondays at 1pm virtually. Contact David McCay (dwem3) for more information.

Old Norse- Wednesdays at 1pm, starting on 14 October, virtually. Contact Lee Colwill (ec504) for more information.

Medieval Welsh- Thursdays at 1pm, starting on 15 October, virtually. Contact Brigid Ehrmantraut (dke22) for more information.

# Archaeology

Medieval Archaeology Group

[www.mcdonald.cam.ac.uk/events/mag](http://www.mcdonald.cam.ac.uk/events/mag)

<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/medieval-archaeology-seminar-group>

Seminar meets from 1:15pm to 2pm on Zoom.

18 October- Christina Smith (University of Durham). ‘New sculpture finds at Lindisfarne, Northumberland’

15 November- Russell Ó Ríagáin, ‘From Dál Riata to Innsi Gall and Argyll’

29 November- Valentin Miclon (University of Caen), ‘Social structure and diet in late medieval central France: isotopic and osteological arguments’

The African Archaeology Group (AAG)

<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/african-archaeology-group>

Seminar meets from 4pm to 5pm on Zoom.

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Asian Archaeology Seminar Series

For more information contact Dylan Gaffney ([dacg2@cam.ac.uk](mailto:dacg2@cam.ac.uk)) or follow us on Facebook at: facebook.com/CamAsianArch/

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# Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

LAMMEC

(Late Antique and Medieval Middle East at Cambridge) Work-in-Progress meetings

We’ll meet to discuss precirculated texts of work in progress. We have papers allocated for all of these sessions, but because of the nature of the workshop, you’ll need to have read a copy of the work. If you’d like to join us, please contact Dr Andrew Marsham, [adm56@cam.ac.uk](mailto:adm56@cam.ac.uk) in advance of the meeting for a copy of the paper.

Centre of South Asian Studies Seminar

<https://www.s-asian.cam.ac.uk/whats-on-2/>

The seminar meets at 5pm in SG1, Alison Richard Building and on Zoom. For security reasons, the seminar requires all those attending an online event to register in advance. You can do so via their webpage.

6 October- Jonathan Saha (University of Durham), ‘Fatal associations: racial differentiation and interspecies empire in colonial Myanmar’ (in-person and on Zoom)

13 October- Francis Cody (University of Toronto), ‘Law at large: notes on the public mediation of community in the juridical field’ (on Zoom)

20 October- Adam S. Green (University of Cambridge), ‘Small surface water bodies: an ancient path to sustainable collective action in northwest India? (in-person)

27 October- Mahesh Rangarajan (Krea University), ‘How the tiger became Indian: nature, nation and science in Indian conservation, 1970-2020' (on Zoom)

3 November- Durba Mitra (Harvard University), ‘Female sexuality and the question of endogamy’ (on Zoom)

10 November- Naila Kabeer (LSE), ‘Paradigm shift or business as usual? Multi-stakeholder initiative in the Bangladesh garment industry in the wake of Rana Plaza’ (in-person)

17 November- S. Sharada (National Institute of Advanced Studies, Bangalore), ‘South India and Southeast Asia: archaeometallurgical and iconographic explorations’ (on Zoom)

24 November- Nidhi Singal (University of Cambridge), ‘Educating children with disabilities during the pandemic and beyond: insights from Nepal’ (in-person)

East Asia Seminar Series

<https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/>

Seminar meets at 5:30pm on Zoom.

(No medieval papers advertised, see link for list!)

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Dunhuang & Silk Road Seminar Series

<https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/dunhuang-silk-road-seminar-series-lent-2021>

Centre for Islamic Studies

<http://www.cis.cam.ac.uk/activities/forthcoming/>

[events beyond the Middle Ages are listed at the link above]

These will be on Zoom. For information about the link, see the link above.

**Friday**22 Oct 2021 3:00pm - 4:15pm

Monumental Jinas and Networks of Prestige: Jain Temples of the Hoysala Capital

(Katherine Kasdorf (Detroit Institute of Arts))

**Thursday** 28 Oct 2021 5:30pm - 7:00pm

The challenge of thinking about “Islamic law" (Anver Emon (University of Toronto))

**Thursday**11 Nov 2021 5:15pm - 6:45pm

Impostures (Michael Cooperson - UCLA)

**Friday**12 Nov 2021 2:00pm - 3:15pm

"A Victory Tower Built by a Slave": The Chand Minar at Daulatabad (Mohit Manohar)

**Friday**19 Nov 2021 3:00pm - 4:15pm

Fragrant Stories: The Buddhist Landscape of the Early Deccan (John Guy)

**Friday** 3 Dec 2021 1:00pm - 2:00pm

Bahmani Architecture and Culture: The Tomb of Ahmad Shah in Bidar

(Helen Philon (DHF) and Vivek Gupta (University of Cambridge) in conversation with Sara Mondini (Ca' Foscari University of Venice))

Cambridge Semitic Philology Seminars

<https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/semitic-philology-seminar-michaelmas-2021>

These seminars are held weekly, on Mondays, in Rooms 8 & 9 in the Faculty Building.  
 Seminars start at 4:45pm and last approximately one hour.

Monday, 11th October, 2021, Prof. Geoffrey Khan An overview of Neo-Aramaic

Monday, 18th October, 2021, Dr Michael Rand The Medieval Hebrew Tradition of the Maqama

Monday, 25th October, 2021, Dr Nick Posegay, Greek Grammar, Syriac Translation, Arabic Acoustics, and the Tiberian Masoretes

Monday, 1st November 2021, Dr Ambjörn Sjörs, The Ventive in Semitic

Monday, 8th November, 2021, Dr Masoud Mohammadirad, An overview of Kurdish languages

Monday, 15th November, 2021, Dr Miriam Wagner, A Handbook of Ottoman Arabic

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# Classics

Ancient History Research Seminar

<https://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/seminars/c>

**Ancient History Seminar, Michaelmas Term 2021**

Mondays at 5.15 p.m. in G 19 Faculty of Classics

**Christianity, Hellenism and Empire: Classical and Theological Approaches.**

From October 2022 Classics and Divinity will run a joint paper, ‘Christianity, Hellenism and Empire’ which explores both the subject itself and the different ways in which Classicists and Theologians/historians of the early Church approach the subject. In preparation for this, the Michaelmas Term Ancient History seminar will be devoted to explorations of the subject, organised in the way in which it is proposed to organise the undergraduate course. Each week there will be two short papers, one from a Classical and the other from a Theological perspective, followed by discussion.

All welcome. Enquiries to Robin Osborne ([ro225@cam.ac.uk)](mailto:ro225@cam.ac.uk)) or George van Kooten ([gv258@cam.ac.uk](mailto:gv258@cam.ac.uk))

October 11: Christianity, Hellenism, and Empire: Historiographies of their encounters

George van Kooten and Tim Whitmarsh

October 18: Points of reference: authoritative texts, ancient wisdom, and oracles

*To be confirmed* and Helen van Noorden

October 25: Christ, gods, saviours, and divine figures

Simon Gathercole and Ingo Gildenhard

November 1: Christians and the Roman social order: class, ethnicity, and universalism

Judith Lieu and Lea Niccolai

November 8: The Political Philosophies: State, State repression, and Cosmopolis

George van Kooten and Malcolm Schofield

November 15: Daily life and popular morality

Sophie Lunn Rockliffe and Jerry Toner

November 22: The End of Dialogue and Tolerance? Christianity in Late Antiquity

Anna Lefteratou and John Weisweiler

November 29: Material Culture: meeting places and art

Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe and Caroline Vout

# Classics

Classical Art & Archaeology Seminars

<https://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/seminars/d>

Seminar starts at 4.30pm in G.19 in the Faculty of Classics. Everyone welcome!

12 October- Hella Eckardt (Reading University) & Philippa Walton (Birkbeck), ‘Bridge over troubled water –the Roman finds from the Tees at Pierebridge in context’

19 October- Danielle Hyeon Ah Lambert (KCL), ‘Decolonizing Romanization: the discourse on Romanization from postcolonial perspectives’

26 October- Sally Waite (Newcastle), ‘Recontextualising Greek pottery: four vases from the collection of Thomas Hope in Newcastle’

2 November- Konogan Beaufay (Faculty of Classics/Faculty of Architecture & History of Art), ‘First considerations on the design of bath buildings in imperial-period Central Italy’

9 November- Paolo Liverani (Florence), ‘Talking to a wall: social change and public communication in Late Antiquity’ [Postponed]

16 November- Maria Stamatopoulou (Oxford), ‘Demetrias and its painted gravestones: self-representation and aspirations of a multi-ethnic *bourgeoisie* in a Hellenistic Mediterranean port city’

23 November- Zahra Newby (Warwick), ‘Visualising festivals and religious identity in the cityscape of Perge’

# Divinity

History of Christianity Research Seminar

[divinity.cam.ac.uk/researchareas/seminars/history-of-christianity](https://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/researchareas/seminars/history-of-christianity)

If you would like to receive the Zoom invitation, please email Richard Rex ([rawr1@cam.ac.uk](mailto:rawr1@cam.ac.uk))

Stanton Lectures 2021-22, Race before the Modern Era

# Lecture I: Thursday, October 28: “What’s Religion Got to Do with It? Seeing, Reading, Teaching Race in the European Middle Ages"

# Lecture 2: Thursday, December 16: “Between Theory and History: Key Words, Key Concepts, and the Premodern Archive"

# Lecture 3: Thursday, January 13: (TBD)

# Lecture 4: Thursday, March 17: (TBD)

# Sign up for lectures on Eventbrite and here too: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stanton-lectures-2021-22-professor-geraldine-heng-tickets-192197165897?keep_tld=1>

# English

Medieval Latin Facsimile Reading Group

Strengthen your Latin comprehension and palaeographical skills together through reading from reproductions of manuscripts as a group. We will focus on learning to read and translate directly from medieval handwriting, focusing on periods of participants’ interests.

All welcome; to be added to the group list and receive materials in advance, contact Dr Francesco Marzella ([fm333@cam.ac.uk](mailto:fm333@cam.ac.uk)).

Medieval Postgraduate Seminar

<https://www.english.cam.ac.uk/seminars/med.htm>

Seminar meets at 5:30, except where otherwise noted, on Zoom. Email [pk453@cam.ac.uk](mailto:pk453@cam.ac.uk) for more information.

These advanced research talks, followed by discussion, are aimed at postgraduate students, senior members and visiting scholars.

If you wish to attend any of these seminars please register in advance with one of the convenors.

Dr Alex da Costa [ad666@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ad666@cam.ac.uk)Dr Orietta da Rold, [od245@cam.ac.uk](mailto:od245@cam.ac.uk)Prof Nicky Zeeman [nz202@cam.ac.uk](mailto:nz202@cam.ac.uk)

**MICHAELMAS TERM 2021**

**13 October, 5.30 pm, SR-24** - Jessica Berenbeim, tba

**27 October, 1.00pm, ONLINE**, James Simpson, "Giving and Gaining Voice in Civil War: Alain Chartier's Quadrilogue Invectif in Fifteenth-Century England"

**10 November, 1.00 pm, SR-24**, Leah Tether, ‘The Bristol Merlin: Travels, Treasure and Waste’

**24 November, 5.30 pm** Alex da Costa, tba

Centre for Material Texts- Seminar Series

<https://www.english.cam.ac.uk/cmt/?cat=6>

# History

Medieval History Faculty Seminar

<https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/event-series/medieval-history>

Contact: Prof. John Arnold ([jha33@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jha33@cam.ac.uk))

This term, in order to allow for more spacious seating, the seminar will meet in Keynes Hall, King’s College at the normal time, 4pm-6.30pm on alternate Thursdays.

14 Oct David Carpenter “Writing Henry III”

28 Oct Anna Chrysostomides - “Did early Muslims baptize their children? Initiation rituals and religious affiliation in the 7th-9th-century Near East?”

11 Nov Alex Sapoznik - “Wax, honey and cross-cultural trade in the later middle ages”

25 Nov Andrew Spencer “Carry on regardless? English local government and political crises under the Three Edwards, 1294-1348”

Medieval Encounters

<https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/event-series/medieval-encounters>

A series of interdisciplinary medieval seminars meeting in St Catharine’s College, Cambridge in Easter Term.

Contact: Prof. Nora Berend, [nb231@cam.ac.uk](mailto:nb231@cam.ac.uk)

30 October- *Cross-Cultural Entanglements, 1200-1600: Oxford-Cambridge Postgraduate Colloquium*, organized by S. Banach (Selwyn College, Cambridge), N. Carotenuto (St Hugh’s College, Oxford), and E. Tamus (Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge). The event will be online; proposals for presentations and any questions should be sent to [crosscultural.oxbridge@gmail.com](mailto:crosscultural.oxbridge@gmail.com) by 16 October.

Core Seminar in Economic and Social History

Seminars take place on Thursdays at 5pm on Zoom. Sign up to the emailing list at <https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/event-series/core-seminar-economic-and-social-history> for details.

18 November, Rory Naismith (Cambridge), ‘Making money in the early Middle Ages.’

Palaeography Workshop (Lent Term)

Prof Teresa Webber hosts a palaeography workshop where graduate students are encouraged to bring facsimiles of material which is giving them trouble in order to receive help from Prof Webber and other graduate students. The workshop also aids graduate students in practicing their palaeographical skills. For more information, email Prof Webber ([mtjw2@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mtjw2@cam.ac.uk)).

# History

Medieval History Graduate Workshop

<https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/gems-graduate-early-medieval-history-workshop>

The **Medieval History Graduate Workshop** is a friendly space for graduate students working on any aspect of medieval history to present and share ideas, receive and offer feedback, and get to know each other. We host presentations on the cultures, economies, literature, material cultures, politics, thought, religions, and reception of the medieval world, which we define as broadly as possible as the global period between c.500 and c.1500. We welcome interdisciplinary scholarship. We encourage submissions which stretch our conception of "medieval" in time or space, from late antiquity to modern reception and from Scandinavia to the Middle East and beyond, or which deal with the methodological or historiographical practice of medieval history. Convenors: Kate Falardeau ([krb50@cam.ac.uk](mailto:krb50@cam.ac.uk)), Jake Stattel ([jas309@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jas309@cam.ac.uk)), Fiona Knight ([flk27@cam.ac.uk](mailto:flk27@cam.ac.uk)), and Matthias Bryson ([mab253@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mab253@cam.ac.uk)).

Alternate Thursdays, 4-5 pm. Sessions will be held on Zoom and the conveners will host in-person pub meet-ups afterwards for those in Cambridge.

21 October- Ferhat Sezer Kurtoğlu (Boğaziçi University), ‘All Good and Great Things: Relics and Constantinople in the Macedonian Period,’ and Joseph Brown (University of Oxford), ‘Were There Carolingian Royal Assemblies in Tenth-Century West Francia? A Reconsideration from the Evidence of Richer of Rheims.’

4 November- Kelli A. Anderson (University of Oxford), ‘The Spiral Piers in Waltham Abbey’s Church of the Holy Cross,’ and Ben Hatchett (University College London), ‘”Quibus plagis interficietur maxima pars prave generacionis presenti, ut renovetur orbis”: John of Rupescissa’s Regenerative Plague.’

18 November- Julio César Cárdenas Arenas (Complutense University of Madrid), ‘Medieval Isalmic History of Jewish Groups, Al-Shahrastānī, Ibn Ḥazm, Ibn Taymīyah, Ibn al-Qaīym,’ and George Beckett (Independent Scholar), ‘[Untitled] or Embracing Anachronism: Reading the Old High German Palimpsest of Bavarian State Library, Clm. 14098 in the Context of its Modern Reception History.’

2 December- Denis Sukhino-Khomenko (University of Gothenburg), ‘”*Thrymsa*, a Coin [not] in Circulation in Northern England”: Source Criticism of Archbishop Wulfstan’s *Norðleoda Laga* and its Monetary Systems in the Way of Social History (England, 10th-11th centuries)’; Sam Lane (University of Oxford), ‘Bishops and Parliament in the Reign of Edward III’; and, Matthew Clayon (Durham University), ‘Orbis Romanus: The Discourse of Romanness in Anglo-Norman and German Historical Writing.’

# History

Gender & Sexuality History Workshop

<https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/gender-and-sexuality-workshop>

The Gender & Sexuality History workshop meets on Tuesdays between 5pm and 7pm. This term, the workshop will be taking place in a hybrid format. Instructions on joining will be circulated via the [mailing list](https://lists.cam.ac.uk/mailman/listinfo/history-gender-workshop). Convenors: Fiona Knight ([flk27@cam.ac.uk](mailto:flk27@cam.ac.uk)) and Laura Richardson ([ljr55@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ljr55@cam.ac.uk))

19 October- Kate Falardeau (University of Cambridge), ‘The Image of St AEthelthryth in the Benedictional of AEthelwold: Gendered History-Writing in Benedictine Winchester’

26 October- Fabian Eiden, ‘*Feminalis facundia*: A preliminary analysis of the discourses of power and femininity in late 9th to early 11th century English hagiography and historiography’

Legal and Social History Workshop

<https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/legal-and-social-history-workshop>

The Legal and Social History workshop meets at 5pm over Zoom this term.

Convenors: Ian King ([ik361@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ik361@cam.ac.uk)) and Emily Rhodes ([elr41@cam.ac.uk](mailto:elr41@cam.ac.uk))

23 November- Federico Feletti (University of Padua), *Legal pluralism in Carolingian Italy: a study on professions of law*, and Eyüp Ensar Dal (Middle East Technical University), *Social-legal analysis of parent-child relations in early eighteenth-century Istanbul: legal flexibility at Ottoman court*.

History of Memory and Emotions Workshop

<https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/workshop-memory-and-emotions>

The History of Memory and Emotions meets at 5pm in the Audit Room, King’s College, Cambridge

23 November- Iona Ramsay (University of Exeter), ‘Scars of a Living Martyr: Media and the Memorialisation of Religious Suffering,’ and Gaby Schwarzmann (Queen Mary University of London), ‘Honour, Shame and Shamefastness in Impotence Trials in Late Medieval York.’

Medieval Economic and Social History

<https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/event-series/medieval-economic-and-social-history>

Convener:  
 Chris Briggs ([cdb23@cam.ac.uk](mailto:cdb23@cam.ac.uk)) Seminar does not take place in Michaelmas Term

# History of Art

The Medieval Art Seminar Series

<https://www.hoart.cam.ac.uk/seminars/medievalartseminars>

The University of Cambridge Senior Seminar in Medieval Art meets every other week during full term, attracting an impressive range of speakers from home and abroad.

**All seminars will take place online. Further details, including registration, to follow. Seminars takes places at 5pm.**

**Please register to attend the seminars using Eventbrite. Tickets are free of charge.**

**Organisers:** Dr Laura Slater and Dr Donal Cooper. Please email Dr Laura Slater at [lss33@cam.ac.uk](mailto:lss33@cam.ac.uk) with any queries.

18 October- Amanda Luyster (College of the Holy Cross, Massachusetts), ‘”More Precious Than the King”: Byzantine Silks, the Chertsey Combat Tiles, and English Imperial Aspirations’

1 November- Mat Immerzeel (Universiteit Leiden), ‘Medieval Christian Art in the Middle East: Between Tradition and Innovation’

15 November- Liz James (University of Sussex), ‘Good, Better, Best: Questioning Quality and Mosaics’

# History and Philosophy of Science

Departmental Seminars in History and Philosophy of Science

Seminars are held on **Thursdays from 3.30 to 5pm in Mill Lane Lecture Room 9**

Organised by Richard Staley

*Seminars in the Department of History and Philosophy of Science are open to all members of the University (including academic staff, postdocs, graduate and undergraduate students, and affiliates). Unless otherwise specified, they are not open to members of the public.*

Cabinet of Natural History

<https://www.hps.cam.ac.uk/news-events/seminars-reading-groups/cabinet>

Seminars are held on Mondays at 1pm on Zoom and in Seminar Room 2, HPS Faculty. Organised by Olin Moctezuma-Burns (om345)

History of Science and Medicine.

<https://www.hps.cam.ac.uk/news-events/seminars-reading-groups/medicine>

Seminars, funded by Wellcome, are on **Tuesdays from 5.00 to 6.30pm in Mill Lane Lecture Room 9 and on Zoom.** All welcome!

Early Science and Medicine

Organised by Daniel Margocsy.

19 October. Sara Caputo (Cambridge) Ship tracks on European maps and charts, c.1500–c.1800

9 November. **Guido Giglioni (Macerata)** Philosophy for anatomists: Francis Glisson and the peculiar fits of irritable matter

23 November. **Dror Weil (Cambridge)** Arabo-Persian texts as a vehicle for transmission of medical knowledge in late medieval and early modern China

7 December. **Nahyan Fancy (Depauw)**Lovesickness (ʿishq) in the Arabic medical commentaries (1200–1520)

## Generation to Reproduction

Organised by Salim Al-Gailani and Dániel Margócsy.

2 November. **Anna Corrias (Cambridge)** Marcus Marci Von Kronland (1595–1667) on the embryo's ensoulment?

# History and Philosophy of Science

Latin Therapy

<https://www.hps.cam.ac.uk/news-events/seminars-reading-groups/language-groups/latin-therapy>

Latin Therapy is an informal reading group. All levels of Latin are very welcome. We meet to translate and discuss a text from the history of science, technology or medicine. This is an opportunity to brush up your Latin by regular practice, and if a primary source is giving you grief, we’d love to help you make sense of it over tea and biscuits!

To be added to the mailing list, or to suggest a text, please contact Arthur Harris.

We meet weekly, **Fridays from 11am to 12noon, on Zoom**. The first meeting will be Friday 8 October.

# Medieval and Modern Languages and Linguistics

Medieval Graduate Seminar

<https://www.english.cam.ac.uk/seminars/med.htm>

Medieval Literature and Culture Seminar

<https://www.cammedsem.co.uk/>

Seminars take place on Thursdays at 5pm

**Michaelmas**

**7th October |** Hybrid Event: Online & at [Boys Smith Room, Fisher Building, St John's College, Cambridge](http://talks.cam.ac.uk/show/index/6694)

**Joseph Mason (University College Dublin)**

‘Songs of War: Politics and Aesthetics in 13th-century France'

**21st October |** Hybrid Event: Online & at [Boys Smith Room, Fisher Building, St John's College, Cambridge](http://talks.cam.ac.uk/show/index/6694)

**Stefano Milonia (University of Warwick)**

'A Digital Approach to Contrafacta and Medieval Music'

**4th November |** Virtual seminar

**Alicia Spencer-Hall (Queen Mary, University of London)**

‘Subtweeting Like a Duchess: Public Privates in L’Istoire de la Chastelaine du Vergier et de Tristan le Chevalier’

**18th November |** Hybrid Event: Online & at [Boys Smith Room, Fisher Building, St John's College, Cambridge](http://talks.cam.ac.uk/show/index/6694)

**Student Workshop**

‘Networked French and Linguistic Identity in Medieval England’

**2nd December |** Virtual seminar

**Victoria Turner (University of St Andrews)**

Paper Title TBC

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Hispanic and Lusophone Research Seminar Series

# Philosophy

Medieval Philosophy Reading Group

<https://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/seminars-phil/medieval-phil>

The Medieval Philosophy Reading Group consists of interested undergraduates, graduates and professional scholars who meet once a week in term to read and discuss a medieval philosophical text (in translation). No previous knowledge of medieval philosophy is assumed, and everyone is welcome.

**Meetings**

The meetings begin on the first Wednesday of term on which lectures are given, and they take place from 1.15 - 2.15 pm. Would anyone interested please contact John Marenbon at [jm258@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jm258@cam.ac.uk), who will send the necessary material and links.

Arabic Philosophy Reading Group

The Arabic Philosophy Reading Group plans to meet on Fridays 3–4:30pm in Room 6, Faculty of Divinity.

# CLANS

Cambridge Late Antiquity Network Seminar (CLANS)

https://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/seminars/clans-cambridge-late-antique-network-seminar

Contact: Domenico Praticò: [dp546@cam.ac.uk](mailto:dp546@cam.ac.uk)

12 October: **Jaś Elsner** (University of Oxford) – 5.15pm

You can request the Zoom link by emailing [dp546@cam.ac.uk](mailto:dp546@cam.ac.uk) or [mlj39@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mlj39@cam.ac.uk).

**Jesus Goes to China: Early Christian Art outside the World of Christian Hegemony**

26 October: **Richard Flower** (University of Exeter) – 5.15pm

Faculty of Classics, G21

**The Conscience of the King: Staging Invective in Synesius of Cyrene’s De regno**

9 November: **Bryan Ward-Perkins** (University of Oxford) – 5.15pm

Faculty of Classics, G21

**When did Christians start to break up the bodily relics of the saints?**

23 November: **Karla Pollmann** (University of Reading) – 5.15pm

You can request the Zoom link by emailing [dp546@cam.ac.uk](mailto:dp546@cam.ac.uk) or [mlj39@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mlj39@cam.ac.uk).

**Augustine of Hippo (354-430) as a thinker for the 21st century?!**

**Conference programme   
'Securing Power in the Sixth-Century Roman Empire’, University of Cambridge (online), 7-8 December**

Organisers: Silvio Roggo and Matt Hassall (University of Cambridge)

**TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER (all times GMT)**

10:00 Opening Remarks (Matt Hassall & Silvio Roggo, Cambridge)

**Conceptions of Imperial Power**

10:20 Securing Legitimate Power: Roman Jurisprudence, God’s Justice, and the Res Publica (William Bunce, Oxford)

11:10 The Multiple Bases of Imperial Power in the Justinianic Dialogue On Political Science  (René de Nicolay, Zürich)

**Literature at the Imperial Court**

13:00 A Slayer of Tyrants: Celebrating Victory at the Court of Justin II (Sihong Lin, Sheffield)

13:50 Navigating a Culture Clash at the Court of Justinian I (Matt Hassall, Cambridge)

14:40 Break

**Beyond Constantinople**

15:00 Accession Oaths and the Dynamics of Power: The Parallel Cases of Anastasius and Athalaric (Michael Wuk, Lincoln)

15:50 Gregory of Tours and Imperial Power (Catherine-Rose Hailstone, York)

16:40 Imperial Power Negotiation in the Acts of Titus  (Michael Scott Robertson, Twickenham)

**WEDNESDAY 8 DECEMBER (all times GMT)**

**Church Politics**

11:00 The Miaphysite Persecution of the 570s and the Patriarchs of Constantinople (Silvio Roggo, Cambridge)

11:50 Roman Emperors and Christian Doctrine: Some Remarks Based on the Monothelete Controversy (Nadine Viermann, Durham)

**Civil and Sacred Administration**

13:40 Holy Civil Servants: Monks and Monasteries as Key Elements of the Roman Fiscal Infrastructure in Sixth-Century Egypt (Thomas Laver, Cambridge

14:30 Scribing Late Antique Orthodoxy: The Cleric-Notary and his Functions in Fifth- and Sixth-Century Conciliar Disputation (Norman Underwood, New York)

15:20 Break

**The Politics of Sacred Space**

15:40 For Power and Prestige: The Political Dimensions of Anikia Juliana’s Ecclesiastical Matronage in Sixth-Century Constantinople (Maureen McGuire, California, Santa Cruz)

16:30 Paul the Silentiary’s Description of the Hagia Sophia: Ekphrasis and Encomium as Means of Political Authority in Late Antiquity (Manolis Spanakis, Crete)

17:20 Closing Remarks (Matt Hassall & Silvio Roggo, Cambridge)

Please register on[www.securingpower.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.securingpower.eventbrite.co.uk/)

Questions can be directed to Matt Hassall ([mh787@cam.ac.uk](mailto:mh787@cam.ac.uk)) and Silvio Roggo ([sbr30@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sbr30@cam.ac.uk))

# CRASSH

**READING GROUPS:** (<http://www.crassh.cam.ac.uk/programmes/byzantine-worlds>)

Byzantine Greek Reading Group: 10am on Zoom on alternate Wednesdays (28 April, 12 May, 26 May, and 9 June). For more information, please contact Stephanie Forrest ([sjf85@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sjf85@cam.ac.uk)).

Medieval Arabic Reading Group: 12pm on Zoom on alternate Wednesdays (5 May, 19 May, 2 June, and 16 June). For more information, please contact Edward Zychowicz-Coghill ([ez258@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ez258@cam.ac.uk))

Classical Armenian Reading Group: 10am on Zoom on alternate Tuesdays (4 May, 18 May, 1 June, and 15 June. For more information, please contact Stephanie Forrest ([sjf85@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sjf85@cam.ac.uk)).

Old Church Slavonic Reading Group: 4pm on Zoom on alternate Mondays (3 May, 17 May, 31 May, and 14 June). For more information, please contact Angus Russell ([ajmr5@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ajmr5@cam.ac.uk))

# Medieval Questions, Silk Roads

Medieval Questions

Medieval Questions is a lunchtime research seminar which seeks to bring together researchers of all stages of career and from all disciplines. Invited speakers present problem-based papers, focusing our collective attention on knotty questions of interpretation and analysis.

Silk Roads

<https://www.kings.cam.ac.uk/research/silk-roads-programme/silk-roads-programme-events>

Events this term will be in person, in the Audit Room, King’s College, and via Zoom. To join the online meetings, see link above.

Friday 15 October, 2 pm. Gold of the Great Steppe: Curating the Fitzwilliam Exhibition. Rebecca Roberts and Saltanat Amirova.

Friday 22 October, 2 pm. Urbanisation in the Afro-Eurasian Commercial Revolution 800-1330: The case of Ani. Nik Matheou.

Friday 29 October, 2 pm. Constructing identities on the Silk Road: A Sogdian example in 6th century China. Jin Xu.

Friday 5 November, 2 pm. Gandhara and the Limits of Roman Art. Peter Stewart.

Friday 12 November, 2 pm. Local Elites and global trade: the Georgian monarchy and the Silk Roads in the 12th -14th centuries. Emil Avdliani.

Friday 19 November, 2 pm. The Russian Conquest of Central Asia. Alexander Morrison.

Friday 26 November, 2 pm. Multiculturalism in Dunhuang in the 10th century. Imre Galambos.

Friday 3 December, 2 pm. Cross-cultural explorations in the emotions: the case of shame in Aristotle and Xunzi. Jenny Zhao.

# Lecturers/Visiting Speakers

**Tuesday 28 September, 2.30 Gold of the Great Steppe: The Archaeological Context. Zainolla Samashev and Abdewsh Toleubayev.**

# Sandars Readership University Library

The Sandars Readership in Bibliography is one of the most prestigious honorary posts to which book historians, librarians and researchers can be appointed. Those elected deliver a series of lectures on their chosen subject. The Reader for the 2020-21 series of Sandars Lectures is Dr Orietta Da Rold, who will be speaking on the subject of 'Paper Past and Paper Future'.

**Lecture One - Tuesday 9th November:**[*Paper in Time*](https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/whats/sandars-lecture-one-paper-time)

**Lecture Two - Wednesday 10th November:**[*Paper in Space*](https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/whats/sandars-lecture-two-paper-space)

**Lecture Three - Thursday 11th November:**[*Paper Futures*](https://www.lib.cam.ac.uk/whats/sandars-lecture-three-paper-future)

**About the series: Paper Past and paper Future**