SEMINARS ON

MEDIEVAL TOPICS

MICHAELMAS TERM 2022

This list can also be found at: www.medievalstudies.group.cam.ac.uk/

If you know of a seminar, lecture, event, or workshop which may be of interest to other medievalists and which we might add to this booklet, please contact:

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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 on Zoom. All are very warmly welcome, and we ask that if you are not a member of the ASNC department you please e-mail Ben Guy ([bdg25@cam.ac.uk](emailto:bdg25@cam.ac.uk)) letting him know you that you would like to be added to the mailing list.

### 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.

### Please note that we request masks are worn during any events held within the English Faculty Building.

17 October 2022, Graduate Seminar: Dr Nelleke IJssennagger-van der Pluijm (Fryske Academy, Netherlands), *title tbc*

31 October 2022, Graduate Seminar: Dr Sam Lasman (Cambridge), *title tbc*

7 November 2022, Graduate Seminar: Paul Booth, *title tbc*

21 November 2022, Graduate Seminar: Professor William Robins (Toronto), *title tbc*

Conference: CRASSH 'Shifting landscapes of the medieval world'⁠

13 - 15 September 2022⁠ <http://crassh.cam.ac.uk/events/33492>

A conference that focuses on reading medieval landscapes in their multiple manifestations, including spatial, temporal and theoretical dimensions.

EC Quiggin Memorial Lecture  
This year's lecture will be given by Professor Daniel Donoghue and will take place on 1 December 2022. Further details will be posted nearer the time.

Upcoming:

### 2023 Annual H.M. Chadwick Lecture

The thirty-fourth annual lecture will be given by Professor Elizabeth Tyler and will take place on 16 March 2023.

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### 2023 Annual Kathleen Hughes Memorial Lecture

The next lecture will be given by Dr Elizabeth Boyle and will take place on 1 May 2023.

# 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.

The African Archaeology Group (AAG)

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

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/

Garrod Research Seminar Series

https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/garrod-research-seminars

Material Culture Hub

<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/research/laboratories/material-culture>

# Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Thursdays 17:15, Room 10, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

20 October: Fanny Bessard (*University of Oxford*)

“Precarious Prestige: Representation and Social Reality of the *tujjār* in Baghdad (892-945)”

3 November: Allen Fromherz (*Georgia State University*)

“Men Loving Men in Nasrid Granada: Male Bonding in the Writings of Ibn al-Khatib (d. 1375 CE) and his Contemporaries”

17 November: Dror Weil (*University of Cambridge*)

“Persian's Eastern Frontier: Arabo-Persian Texts in Late Imperial China, 14th-18th Centuries”

1 December: James White (*University of Cambridge*)

“Writing Arabic Literature in a Persianate World: The Case of Ibn Maʿṣūm al-Madanī (d. 1119/1707)”

# 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 Prof. 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.

East Asia Seminar Series

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

(No medieval papers advertised, see link for full seminar list.)

China Research Seminar  
https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/china-research-seminar-michaelmas-2022

Room LG18 (Law Faculty, Sidgwick Site)

Dr Dror Weil (Faculty of History)    
2:00 pm, Thursday 3rd November in Room LG18 (Law Faculty, Sidgwick Site)   
**Go West - Arabo-Persian Textuality in Late Imperial China**   
(see link for full seminar list.)

Dunhuang & Silk Road Seminar Series

(Only Lent Term)

Centre for Islamic Studies

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

(No medieval papers advertised, see link for full seminar list.)

# Classics

Ancient History Research Seminar

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

**Ancient History Seminar, Michaelmas Term 2022**

Seminars will take place in **G.21**, Faculty of Classics, **5.15-6.45** pm.

**History in the making. Doing and crafting in ancient Greece and Rome**

The seminar will focus on making and crafting in Greco-Roman antiquity and on how key ‘manufacturing’ projects affected ancient history, politics, and culture. Some sessions will develop topics at the intersection of history and archaeology, focusing on material culture (e.g. perfumery and alchemy, automata, manuscripts and autography). Other sessions will add a twist by concentrating on the ‘making’ of concepts, values, and traditions: we will discuss, for instance, how to make ancient women visible, the crafting of legal cases and characters in Attic oratory, or the creation of a trans-regional literary sphere in the later Roman empire.

24 Oct. Sabrina Inowlocki (Leuven) *From the Hand of the Slave to the Hand of the Saint*: *Autography in Late Antiquity*

14 Nov. John Weisweiler (Munich) *The making of a trans-regional literary sphere in the Later Roman Empire*

[Other seminars, not pertaining to te middle ages, are listed on the link above.]

After the seminar, the conversation will continue over drinks at a local pub, followed by an informal dinner. Everyone is very welcome to join! Please let me know ([ln294@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ln294@cam.ac.uk))

# CLANS

Cambridge Late Antiquity Network Seminar (CLANS)

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

11 October 2022 (5:15 pm, Classics Faculty G.21)

Miguel Herrero de Jáuregui (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

‘Agon in Hell: Literary aspects of Christ’s katabasis in Late Antique sources’

25 October 2022 (5:15 pm, Zoom)

Maijastina Kahlos (University of Helsinki)

‘Late Roman ideas of ethnicity and slavery’

8 November 2022 (5:15 pm, Zoom)

Young Richard Kim (University of Illinois Chicago)

‘Paparigopoulos and the Council of Nicaea’

22 November 2022 (5:15 pm, Zoom)

Laura Miguélez-Cavero (Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

‘Dionysus and holy war, toxic blood and Late Antique imperial andreia in Nonnus' Dionysiaca’

Contact Niki Meimaroglou (edm34) and Oliver Parkes (ojhp2) with queries

https://cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/91826477418?pwd=eENISllCS1ZiTzdVbjJDMkhJQUE3dz09

Meeting ID: 918 2647 7418. Passcode: 192415

# 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)

Seminar meets at 2:15pm in the Lightfoot Room of the Faculty of Divinity. If you would like to receive the Zoom invitation, please email Richard Rex ([rawr1@cam.ac.uk](mailto:rawr1@cam.ac.uk)).

To come.

The Religions of Late Antiquity Seminar (formerly the Patristics Seminar)

Disappearing acts: women, children, the enslaved and

other invisible subjects in late antique religions

+ October 17, 2-3.00. Reading group: texts available on request

+ October 31, 2-3.00. Reading group: texts available on request

\*November 14, 2-3.30. Seminar: Maria Doerfler, Yale:

‘Effaced subjects, invisible identities: children and parents in late antiquity’

+ November 28, 2-3.30. Seminar: Lucy Grig, Edinburgh:

‘Seeking subaltern agency in the religious history of late antiquity’

+ January 30, 2-3.30. Seminar: April Pudsey, Manchester Met:

‘Children’s religious lives in communities of late Roman Egypt’

\*February 13, 2-3.30. Seminar: Christine Luckritz Marquiz, Union

Presbyterian Seminary: ‘Imaginatively re-populating late antiquity’

\*February 27, 2-3.30. Seminar: Chris de Wet, University of South Africa:

‘Retrieving enslaved subjects in early Christian literature: the case of John Chrysostom’

\*March 13, 2-3.30. Seminar: Joseph Sanzo, Università di Ca’Foscari,

Venice: ‘Making clients of late antique magicians visible’

+ May 8, 2-3.30. Seminar: Dawn Lavalle Norman, Australian Catholic

University: ‘Blushing philosophers: gender segregation and ventriloquism in the Dialogues of Plutarch and Methodius of Olympus’

+ May 22, 2-3.30. Seminar: Tali Artman Partock, Leicester/Cambridge:

‘The sexual use of slaves in Jewish Palestine’

Sessions marked + are in person in the Lightfoot Room, Divinity Faculty, with

attendance via zoom possible; seminars marked \* are on zoom only.

Please email Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe [<sjl39@cam.ac.uk](mailto:%3csjl39@cam.ac.uk)> for zoom login details

and access to reading group materials

# 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 in S-R24 in the English Faculty

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)

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 the seminar will meet in the Faculty Board Room, at the normal time, 4pm-6.30pm on alternate Thursdays.

13 Oct                   Dr Helen Gittos [Oxford]: ‘Sutton Hoo and Syria: The Anglo-Saxons who Served in the Byzantine Army?

27 Oct                   Prof Andrew Marsham [FAMES]: ‘Idol Destruction in Bede and Ibn Ishaq: Narratives of Conversion at Late Antique Edges’

10 Nov                  Dr Johannes Preiser-Kapeller [Vienna]: ‘Five emperors, the sun, a volcano and a ghost. Celestial phenomena and dynastic crisis across Afro-Eurasia around the year 800 CE’

24 Nov                  Prof Stephen Church [UEA]: ‘Decolonising the Angevin “empire”’

Medieval Encounters Faculty Seminar

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

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

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

19 October in the OCR

Manuel Kamenzin (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)

Prophecy and Politics in the high and late medieval Holy Roman Empire

9 November in the Rushmore room

Veronika Čapská (Czech Academy of Sciences & Charles University Prague) & Martin Čapský(University of Pardubice) Spiritual Meal, Identity and Community in Bohemia 1400-1650 - Historical Anthropology and Reformation of Food

Core Seminar in Economic and Social History

Seminars take place on Thursdays at 5pm on Zoom in Faculty of History, Room 6

Convenvor: Prof. Amy Erickson

Sign up to the emailing list at <https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/event-series/core-seminar-economic-and-social-history> for details.

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.

To receive the Zoom links and be added to our mailing list, contact our Conveners:

Kate Falardeau ([krb50@cam.ac.uk](mailto:krb50@cam.ac.uk)), Jake Stattel ([jas309@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jas309@cam.ac.uk)), Héléna Lagreou ([hdml2@cam.ac.uk](mailto:hdml2@cam.ac.uk))

20 Oct: Ugo Valori (University of Bari), ‘A new fragment of Stephanus Skylitzes’ Commentary on Aristotle’s Rhetoric?’

Roman Tymoshevskyi (Central European University, Department of Medieval Studies), ‘The language

of deposition: the rhetoric of the royal dethronement at the Holy Roman Empire and England 1298-1327’

3 Nov: Ansil Knjirathinkal Muhammed (Jawaharlal Nehru University), ‘Matronizing Shia spaces: Female Authority over Geographies of Devotion in Medieval Deccan’

James Drysdale Miller (University of Oxford), ‘Memory, Narrative, and Exegesis in the Tenth Century:

Reinterpreting Gregory the Great at the Abbey of Fleury’

17 Nov: Yusuf M. Umrethwala (Columbia University and Aga Khan University), ‘“Whosoever left its gate, either wished for death or was eaten alive, and if he sat, he died of hunger”: Examining the social history of the Shidda ʿUzma (c. 1062-1073)’

Valeria Annunziata (University of Naples “Federico II”), ‘The Map is not Provided without a Text.

Byzantine Cartography Through the Lens of Illuminated Manuscripts.’

1 Dec: Jerome Gasson (University of Cambridge), ‘Farm managers, markets and fraud in Fourteenth-Century England’

# 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))

18th October:  
Marie Cabadi - ‘Lesbians at the (women's) centre: lesbian place-making in French feminist spaces  
(1975-1985)’ [University of Angers, France]  
Stephanie Kaylor – ‘Vice Squads, Taxi Cabs, and B-Girls: The Discursive Shadows of US Sex Workers’  
Histories in 1930-1965’ [University College Santa Barbara]

1st November:  
Ciara Hervas – ‘Envisioning Queer Embodiment, Expression, and Desire in Interwar Berlin Through  
Sexological and Avant-Garde Photography’ [Cambridge University]  
Natasha Tiniacos – ‘Women and Electronic Music in late twentieth century Venezuela’ [The Graduate  
Center, City University of New York]

15th November:

Guillem Verd – ‘The development of Spanish family allowances, 1926-1953’ [University of Barcelona]  
Ellen Smith – ‘Imperial Secret-Keeping and Editing Women: Managing Racial and Sexual Crisis at  
Government House and Beyond’ [University of Leicester]  
Anuj Sah – ‘The ‘Turk’ Beloved: A Homoerotic Metaphor across a Transregional Persianate World’  
[Jawaharlal Nehru University]

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))

[No Medieval topics this term, for other topics see the link above.]

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

[No Medieval topics this term, for other topics see the link above.]

# 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.

Cambridge Visual Culture

‘Global Connections: Arts from the Islamic World at the Fitz’, brings together a group of experts for a collaborative investigation on the Museum’s collection of 12th- and 13th-century Iranian ceramics. Dr Carmen Ting (Department of Archaeology), Flavia Ravaioli (Fitzwilliam Museum) and Dr Deniz Turker (Rutgers University) will be presenting on the Adès family collection of glazed ceramic objects found in Gorgan. They will be joined by several international speakers.

Friday Nov 4th at 3.00pm online

**Medieval Ceramics from Iran**

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**Medieval Ceramics from Iran**

Join us for an afternoon of short talks presenting recent research on Medieval ceramics from Iran.

By Cambridge Visual Culture

# 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 in the Seminar Room 2, HPS Faculty (Free School Lane) and by Zoom [contact organiser). Organised by Silvia M. Marchiori ([smm218@cam.ac.uk](mailto:smm218@cam.ac.uk))

17 October, Eleanor Myerson (Parker Library, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge)

“Oute of araby cometh the best:” Imported Jewels, Arabic Science and Crusading Nostalgia in Medieval English Lapidary Traditions

In this talk, Eleanor Myerson will show how imported jewels were received in medieval England as geological witnesses of the Christian nature of the Holy Land, both inviting and evading possession. The late medieval jewel trade bore the legacies of crusading trade: the European fashion for pearls has been linked to cross-cultural contact in the Kingdom of Jerusalem, with Acre being a high-status pearl market. The geological origins of Syrian jewels implicated claims to their ownership in notions of the Holy Land as physical, possessable territory. The God-given natural agency of jewels became the basis for their widespread use in medicine – in combination with translated Arabic science. In medieval lapidaries, the catalogues of jewels in Exodus 28 and Revelation 21 are intertwined with economic and medicinal understandings of stones, in complex and contradictory ways.

[Other seminars which do not have a medieval focus are listed on the seminar Term Card].

History of Science and Medicine.

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

Seminars, supported by Wellcome, are on **Tuesdays from 5.00 to 6.30pm** unless otherwise stated. All welcome!

Early Science and Medicine

## **Early Science and Medicine**

Organised by Dániel Margócsy and Philippa Carter.

### **15 November, 5.30pm**

**Sara Miglietti (Warburg Institute)**  
**Scientia locorum**: understanding the 'power of places' on human health and character in late medieval and early modern thought

[Other seminars which do not have a medieval focus are listed on the seminar Term Card].

# 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>

The Medieval Research Seminars this term will be at 5.30pm in S-R24. We will also stream these on Zoom for those unable to attend in person, but hope to see as many of you in person as possible.

**12 October, 5.30pm**,  
Eleanor Myerson, 'Derek Jarman’s Medieval Blood: Queer Devotion, Affective Medicine, and the AIDS crisis’  
  
**26 October**  
Ayoush Lazikani 'On Lofsong of ure Louerde: A Needful Song’

**9 November**  
Liz Herbert McAvoy, title tbc

**23 November**  
Marcel Elias, 'The Politics of Sameness: Islam in Europe, 1200-1450.'

After the seminars we will go for dinner at La Margherita (https://www.lamargheritacambridge.com). This is reasonably priced and has a range of dietary options, you can find the accessibility information here: https://www.accesscambridge.co.uk/eatingdrinking/.

If you would like to join us please let Alex know by the Monday before the seminar by emailing (ad666@cam.ac.uk)

Medieval Literature and Culture Seminar

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

Seminars take place on Thursdays at 5pm

## 20th October, 5pm (BST) Henry Ravenhall (University of Cambridge)

## ‘Gautier de Coinci’s Les Miracles de Nostre Dame and the Powers of Olfaction'

## Hybrid Event: Online & in the Linnett Room, Robinson College, Cambridge

## ~~3rd November, 5pm~~ Postponed, rescheduled date to come (GMT) Penelope Haralambidou (University College London) ‘Christine de Pizan and Architecture: Illuminating the Book of the City of Ladies’ Hybrid Event: Online & in the Linnett Room, Robinson College, Cambridge Lent 2022

The Department of Spanish and Portuguese

Hispanic and Lusophone Research Seminar Series

No seminar this term.

# 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.

# READING GROUPS

The mGRG (medieval Germany Reading Group) aims to create a shared space to analyze and

discuss all aspects of Germanic history, literature, and culture in the Middle Ages, with topics

including Mittelhochdeutsch (and niederdeutsch), the Minnesänger, the Holy Roman Empire, the

Hanse, the Low Countries, the Alps, and Germanic art, literature, trade, society, identity,

mysticism, monasticism, politics, wars, chronicles, and manuscripts from 800-1500 A.D overall.

meetings begin with a 15-20-minute presentation of 1-2 articles regarding a given topic (these

are sent to the email list the week before), followed by a 40-minute discussion. Light

refreshments are provided. Articles may be in English or German, though sessions are always in English for accessibility.

Bateman Room, Gonville and Caius, 12:30-1:30.

Monday. Oct 31st: The Birth of German Identity (Drew Forthman)

Monday, Nov 14th: German Merchant Communities along the Baltic and North Sea Rim (Ido Kons)

Monday, Nov 28th Receptions of Emperor Friedrich Barbarossa in the 21st Century

(Avi Friederich)

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.

Fortnightly Old Church Slavonic reading group. For more information, please contact Angus Russell ([ajmr5@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ajmr5@cam.ac.uk))

# Silk Roads

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. **Fridays 2pm, King’s College**

October 7, 2 pm. The Festival of gul- Surkh: A Bactro-Sogdian Cultural Survival along the Silk Roads; Jonathan Lee

October 14, 2 pm. Persian Literary Culture and Book Exchange between Central Asia and Mughal India; Najaf Haider (JNU, New Delhi)

21 October, 2 pm. The Politics of Animal Images in Iron-Age Nomadic Alliances: Case Studies from China to Crimea; Petya Andreeva (The New School, New York)

11 November, 2 pm. Sasanian Coins Connecting Central Asian to India and China; Joe Cribb

11 November, 2 pm. Pakistan in 75; Ayesha Jalal (Tufts University)

# Workshop: German Influence in the Middle Ages

Caius and St Catharine's **Monday, 21 November 2022**

**8:00 - 10:00**

Short tour of Gonville & Caius College and / or central Cambridge, concluding with a welcome coffee

**10:00 - 10:15**

**Vedran Sulovsky** (Gonville & Caius College, University of Cambridge): Introduction and opening remarks

**10:15 - 12:00**

Gonville & Caius College, Long Room

Elite and Popular Settlement between East and West

**Gerhard Lubich** (Ruhr-Universität Bochum): Empresses and Emperors – English Perceptions and German Realities in the Early 12th Century

**Ellen Widder** (University of Tübingen): Slavic Landscape and German Colonisation? Comparative Studies on High and Late Medieval Spatial Development and Settlement

**12:00 - 14:00**

Lunch break

**14:00 - 15:45**

Gonville & Caius College, Long Room

Kings and Their Favourite Places

**Manfred Luchterhandt** (University of Göttingen): Charlemagne and the Churches of Rome: Reflections on the Economy of a Renaissance

**Caspar Ehlers** (Max-Planck-Institut für Rechtsgeschichte und Rechtstheorie, Frankfurt): Considering Aachen and Windsor – Research on Medieval Royal Palaces in Germany and England

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German Customs and Practices outside Germany

**Manuel Kamenzin** (Ruhr-Universität Bochum): Who Influences Whom? Burial Grounds and Burial Customs of the Holy Roman Kings and Emperors in a Broader View (High and Late Middle Ages)

**Andrea Rzihacek** (Austrian Academy of Sciences, Institute for Medieval Studies, Vienna): The Influence of Charters Issued by Rulers of the Holy Roman Empire on Other European Regions in the High Middle Ages

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Dr Ignazio Alessi (University of Geneva): Legal entanglements in the Kingdom of Sicily,

12th–15th century

Tzu-Jang Wang (National Taiwan University): Entanglements of Mongol, Chinese, and

Uighur ideas on the establishment and management of the Mongol Empire

István Kovács (University of Pécs): The multi-ethnic and multicultural Banat in the late

Middle Ages, 1387–1437

Yuxuan Cai (University of Cambridge): Defining the borderland: the Ottoman engagement

in Euboea and Central Greece, 1470–1533

Elena Shadrina (Harvard University): From church to office: The transformation of

Venetian maritime administration in the long thirteenth century

Riccardo Liberati (University of Oxford): A planned misunderstanding? Mongol and

Ilkhanid religious identity facing Western Christendom

Lorenzo Saccon (University of Oxford): Turkish raiding and Byzantine captivity, 1260s–

1350s

Angus Russell (University of Cambridge): Entangled institutions: necessary antagonists?

Andrii Kepsha (Uzhhorod National University): A universe of the Mongolian yurt: the

‘others’ in front of the khans in Eastern Europe

Mats Dijkdrent (University of Louvain): Seeing and imagining architecture by ‘the other’

among 16th-century humanists

Ana Struillou (European University Institute): Entangled objects? Cross-cultural giftgiving

across the ‘Mediterranean channel’, 1530–1600

Silvio Lorenzo Ruberto (Utrecht University): Ideologies of conquest in world atlases from

Norman Sicily and Song China: Towards a comparison of the mapping cultures of al-Idrīsī’s

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Naide Gedikli-Gorali (University of Oxford): Charting the Aegean Sea: Piri Reis’ Kitāb-ı

Baḥriyye and Bartolommeo dalli Sonetti’s Isolario

Nynke van Leeuwen (University of Groningen): The shared intellectual environment of the

early modern Mediterranean

Dr Wim De Winter (KU Leuven): Mediterranean Encounters on Distant Seas: How Greek

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