SEMINARS ON

MEDIEVAL TOPICS

EASTER TERM 2023

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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Lecturers/Visiting Speakers

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# **Anglo-Saxon, Norse & Celtic**

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

Seminar meets on Mondays and/or Fridays at 5pm. All are very warmly welcome, in the English Faculty building or on Zoom.

Not posted yet.

### 2023 Annual Kathleen Hughes Memorial Lecture

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

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>

Not running this term.

The African Archaeology Group (AAG)

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

No medieval papers this term, see link for full programme.

Asian Archaeology Seminar Series

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

No medieval papers this term, see link for full programme.

Garrod Research Seminar Series

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

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| [Re-Defining Globalisation for the Past](https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/garrod-research-seminars/re-defining-globalisation-past) | **Thursday, 18 May, 2023 - 16:00 to 17:00** | Tamar Hodos (University of Bristol) |

Material Culture Hub

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

Pitt-Rivers Seminar

<https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/pitt-rivers-archaeological-science-seminars>

The organisers are Caterina Zaggia (cz376), Ismael Rodriguez (ir332), Sophie Rabinow (sar95) & Taylor Peacock (tmp38).

Medieval papers listed here, for non-medieval topics see full list at link.

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| [Challenges in reconstructing Past Exploitations of Atlantic Cod: a Zooarchaeological Case Study from Early Medieval England](https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/pitt-rivers-archaeological-science-seminars/challenges-reconstructing-past-exploitations) | Friday, 12 May, 2023 - 13:15 | Rachel Blevis, University of Cambridge |

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| [Systematic analysis of medieval manuscripts using X-ray Fluorescence and multivariate techniques](https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/pitt-rivers-archaeological-science-seminars/systematic-analysis-medieval-manuscripts-using-x) | Friday, 16 June, 2023 - 13:15 | Georgios Magkanas, Universitat de Barcelona |

**Asian and Middle Eastern Studies**

Middle East Seminar

https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on

Thursdays 17:15, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies; Teaching Room 10 (The Old Common Room)

Refreshments will be served from 5pm

Thursday, 4th May, 2023

Fabrics of Sainthood: Making and Experiencing Inscribed Tomb Covers in Nineteenth-Century Morocco

Umberto Bongianino, University of Oxford

Thursday, 18th May, 2023

Azhdahа̄: The Chimeric Monster in Ferdowsi and Beyond

Sam Lasman, University of Cambridge

For further information, contact:

Gabrielle Russo (E-mail: gmr44@cam.ac.uk)

LAMMEC

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

We’ll meet to discuss precirculated texts of work in progress: (Wednesday 10 May and Wednesday 7 June). 1pm. In FAMES.

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. No medieval papers this term, see link for full programme.

East Asia Seminar Series

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

No medieval papers this term, see link for full programme.

Dunhuang & Silk Road Seminar Series

These take place via Zoom and, where possible, in-person on Thursdays and require pre-registration.

All talks will begin at **5pm UK Time**, lasting an hour with time allocated afterwards for questions, debate, and discussion.

Centre for Islamic Studies

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

No medieval papers this term, see link for full programme.

# **Classics**

Ancient History Research Seminar

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

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

**C Caucus Seminar, Lent Term 2023**

# **CLANS**

Cambridge Late Antiquity Network Seminar (CLANS)

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

These seminars will be taking place fortnightly on Tuesdays from 17:15 to 18:45 in person in room G.21and by Zoom

We hope to see many of you there!

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91345264769?pwd=UmtNNEhJSC91UnU5Z2IzbEZuckhodz09>

9 May (5:15 pm, Zoom)  **Jack Tannous**(Princeton)

Was there a pre-Islamic translation of the Bible into Arabic? Some thoughts on an old question

16 May (6:15 pm, Zoom) **Stephen Shoemaker**(University of Oregon)

The origins of the Qur’an: A view from Late Antiquity

23 May (5:15 pm, Classics Faculty G.21) **Robert Wiśniewski**(Warsaw and Leverhulme Visiting Professor –  Reading) Saints, seers, demoniacs, and policemen, or, how to find a thief in Late Antiquity

30 May (5:15 pm, Zoom) **Andrew Hicks**(Cornell)

The original global and the global origins of Music Theory

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# **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)

Meetings will be held in the Lightfoot Room of the Faculty of Divinity  
on alternate Wednesdays at 2.15pm.

Convenor: Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe ([sjl39@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sjl39@cam.ac.uk))

All colleagues, MPhil and PhD students in History of Christianity or other areas (such as Classics, History and Philosophy), from within and outside the faculty, are warmly welcome.

Not yet posted.

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

Disappearing acts: women, children, the enslaved and

other invisible subjects in late antique religions

**+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 for zoom login details and access to reading group materials

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# **English**

Medieval Research 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.

26 April, 5.30pm,  
Kathleen Tonry,  
Keeping Time: Calendars, Almanacs, and Temporality in Fifteenth-Century Books'

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)

After the seminars we will go for dinner at La Margherita (https://www.lamargheritacambridge.com). If you would like to join us, please let Nicky know by the Monday before the seminar by emailing ([nz202@cam.ac.uk](mailto:nz202@cam.ac.uk))

Centre for Material Texts

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

Not posted yet

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)).

**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.

27 April                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”

11 May                Janna Coomans (Utrecht) “Risk, Health and Urban Environment in the late Medieval Low Countries”

25 May                Prof Stephen Church (UEA) ‘Decolonising the Angevin “empire”’

Byzantine Worlds

History Faculty, Board Room, 5 pm.

Tuesday 2 May Dr Anna Lefteratou (Cambridge)

‘The Ptolemaic Diphros in Cosmas Indicopleustes’ Christian Topography’ (in person only)

Tuesday 16 May Book Launch: Please join us for a discussion of: Is Byzantine Studies

a Colonialist Discipline? Toward a Critical Historiography, with Benjamin Anderson (Cornell, USA) and Mirela Ivanova (Sheffeld, UK)

Cambridge Global Economic History Seminar

https://www.hist.cam.ac.uk/eventseries/african-economic-history.

Tuesdays, 17:15-18:45; Audit Room, King’s College

Convenors: Gareth Austin and Bronwen Everill

16 May. Jörg Batten (Univ. of Tübingen)

‘The greatest divergence of World History: Elite violence and elite numeracy in the Middle East from 500 CE to 1900 CE’

[Other non-medieval papers at link above]

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)

[not running this term]

**History**

Medieval Economic and Social History

Seminars take place on Wed at 5pm in Selwyn.

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

3 May (Chadwick Room) Carole Rawcliffe (UEA) Going up in smoke: Fires and fire prevention in late medieval British towns and cities’

17 May (Kathleen Lyttelton Room) Helen Lacey, Helen Killick (Oxford)< Adrian Bell and Herbert Eiden (Reading) ‘Who were the people of 1381?’

24 May (Old LIbrary Room 4). Tom Johnson (York). ‘Reckoning and Economic Life in Late Medieval England’.

Refreshments in the College Bar as usual afterwards, and if you would like to join us for dinner after the seminar (at 7.30) please let Christ Briggs know.

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)).

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:

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Ben Hatchett ([bh520@cam.ac.uk](mailto:bh520@cam.ac.uk)), Fiona Knight ([flk27@cam.ac.uk](mailto:flk27@cam.ac.uk))

**4th May: Ido Kons** (*Cambridge*), ‘Between the ‘Sacred’ and the ‘Profane’: Factuality and Biblical References in Henry of Livonia’ ; **Lynsey Metcalfe** (*Cambridge*), ‘Alice Neville, Countess of Salisbury, and her Role in the Wars of the Roses’

**18th May: - Medieval Medicine Session - Caitlin Williams** (*Queen Mary, London*), ‘Medieval Women’s Horticulture: Medicinal Plants and Plant Based Medicines in Late Medieval England’

**Melinda Lisa Michel** (*Universität Bonn*), ‘The Twelve-Volume Book of Medicine – the First Step to a Historical-Critical Edition?’

**1st June: Avi Friederich** (*Cambridge*), ‘Forging an Army: An Analysis of Military Recruitment during the Reign of Frederick Barbarossa’ ; **Isla Cartney** (*Cambridge*), ‘The King’s Men? Henry III’s Patronage of the Native Nobility 1234-1258’ ‘ **Jana Considine** (*Cambridge*), ‘A Most Splendid and Elegant Light: Narratives of Female Piety in German Monastic Chronicles’

**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))

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Legal and Social History Workshop

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

The Legal and Social History workshop meets on Tuesdays 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))

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

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**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))

[No medieval papers, non-medieval seminars are listed at the link above].

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!

[No medieval papers, non-medieval seminars are listed at the link above].

Early Science and Medicine

## **Early Science and Medicine**

Organised by Dániel Margócsy and Philippa Carter.

[No medieval papers, non-medieval seminars are listed at the link above].

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**.

# **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 take place in the Classroom at Scroope Terrace, starting at 5pm.

The Lent Term 2023 seminars have been convened by Dr Laura Slater. Please email: [lss33@cam.ac.uk](mailto:lss33@cam.ac.uk) with any queries.

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# **Medieval and Modern Languages and Linguistics**

Medieval Literature and Culture Seminar

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

Seminars take place on Thursdays at 5pm . Garden Room, Robinson College, Cambridge & Online. Open to members of the University of Cambridge

15th May, 5pm (BST) | Garden Room, Robinson College, Cambridge & Online. All Welcome.

Eliza Zingesser (Columbia University)

‘Mnemonic Birds'

25th May, 5pm (BST) | Garden Room, Robinson College, Cambridge & Online. All Welcome.

Alice Hazard (King’s College London)

Title TBC

# **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.

**CRASSH**

**READING GROUPS:**

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 King’s College and via Zoom. To join the online meetings, see link above.

**Fridays 2pm, King’s College**

05-05-2023 @ 14:00 (Keynes Hall)

From Silk Road to Belt and Road: Narrative and History in Sino-Iranian Relations

Friday; Speaker: William Figueroa

12-05-2023 @ 14:00 (Online)

Translating Buddhist Medicine in Medieval China; Speaker: Pierce Salguero

19-05-2023 @ 11:00 (Online)

Aquilaria and Exotic Aromatics on the Maritime Silk Roads; Speaker: Bill Mak

09-06-2023 @ 14:00 (Audit Room)

Encounters in the Persianate World: The Safavid Diplomatic Envoy to Siam;

Anahita Arian

16-06-2023 @ 14:00 (Audit Room)

Why do the Silk Roads matter to histories of medicine? Speaker: Ronit Yoeli-Tlalim