SEMINARS ON

MEDIEVAL TOPICS

LENT TERM 2025

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**

Graduate and Research Seminars

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

Seminar meets on Mondays and/or Fridays at 5pm. All are very warmly welcome. **Please note that, unless otherwise stated, events will be in-person only in the English Faculty Building.**

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24 January 2025, Research Seminar: Dr Geneviève Young (King’s College London), Certes, Gautier: Names and Naming in Old French Songbooks

3 February 2025, Graduate Seminar: Dr Kate Sykes (Birmingham), Spiritual Kinship in Early Medieval England

17 February 2025, Graduate Seminar: Dr Simon Rodway (Aberystwyth), Germanic in pre-Roman Britain: A Critical Examination of the Evidence

3 March 2025, Graduate Seminar: Dr Kevin Murray (University College Cork), Beginning at the End: the Creation of Acallam na Senórach

14 March 2025, Research Seminar: Dr James Miller (British School at Rome), Fleury and England in the Tenth Century

Cambridge Colloquium in Anglo-Saxon, Norse and Celtic  
<https://www.asnc.cam.ac.uk/ccasnc/index.htm>

H.M. Chadwick Memorial Lecture

The next lecture will be given by Professor Fiona Edmonds on 20 March 2025.

Kathleen Hughes Memorial Lecture

The next Hughes Lecture will be given by Professor David Stifter on 1 May 2025.

**Archaeology**

No Medieval Seminars this term.

**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 will meet in weeks 2 and 6. 1pm-2pm, room tbc. 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/>

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

East Asia Seminar Series

<https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/east-asia-seminar-series-michaelmas-2024>

Room 8/9, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

Not posted yet.

Middle Eastern Studies Research Lecture Series

<https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/mes-research-lectures-series-michaelmas-2024>

Meetins are at 5.00 in FAMES.

23 January, **Harry Munt**, University of York  
[Towards an environmental history of the early Islamic empire: the politics of water management in Umayyad and early Abbasid Medina](https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/towards-environmental-history-early-islamic-empire-politics-water-management-umayyad-and-early)

6 February, **Vevian Zaki**, Ludwig Maximilians Universität-Munich  
[Waqf Tradition in Christian Arabic Manuscripts: Insights from St. Catherine’s Monastery, Sinai](https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/waqf-tradition-christian-arabic-manuscripts-insights-st-catherines-monastery-sinai)

20 February, **Sally Abed**, Trinity College Dublin  
[Encountering ‘Monsters’ in Medieval Arab Culture](https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/encountering-monsters-medieval-arab-culture)

Centre for Islamic Studies

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

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

China Research Seminar

<https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/china-research-seminar-michaelmas-2024-and-lent-2025>

All seminars will be on **Thursdays** starting at **2pm London time** on in **FAMES Room 8/9**, the Sidgwick Site.

Thursday 6th February 2024 (in person)  
[“Treasures from Tang China: Two Chapters from Saved from Desert Sands: Re-Discovering Objects on the Silk Roads”](https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/china-research-seminar-michaelmas-2024-and-lent-2025/treasures-tang-china-two-chapters)  
Kelsey Granger (University of Edinburgh) and [Hajni Elias](https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/people/dr-hajni-elias) (University of Cambridge)

Thursday 13th February 2024 (in person)  
["The Changing Landscape of Late Imperial Buddhism and Its Clergy"](https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/china-research-seminar-michaelmas-2024-and-lent-2025/changing-landscape-late-imperial)  
Junqing Wu (University of Liverpool)

For non-medieval seminars, see the link above. For further information, contact: [ng462@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ng462@cam.ac.uk), Dr Noga Ganany.

Needham Research Institute (NRI) Friday Seminars

The seminars are held at 3.30 - 5 p.m.  unless otherwise indicated at the Needham Research Institute.

The Needham Research Institute is situated at the corner of Sylvester and Herschel Roads, behind Robinson College.

Any queries about the seminars should be directed to:

Jenny Zhao at [jz292@cam.ac.uk](mailto:jz292@cam.ac.uk)

# **Classics**

Ancient History Research Seminar

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

We are meeting on **Mondays**, **5.15 to 6.45 pm**\*, in **room G.21** of the Cambridge Classics Faculty (Sidgwick Ave, Cambridge CB3 9DA).

All welcome!

All queries to Robin Osborne ([ro225@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ro225@cam.ac.uk))

(Not posted yet).

# **CLANS**

Cambridge Late Antiquity Network Seminar (CLANS)

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

Organisers: Mathijs Clement (mjgc3), Lea Niccolai (ln294), Harvey Phythian (hcp41)

Seminars are held in the Classics Faculty | 2.30 pm

Friday 24 January, Room G.21,   
Geoffrey Greatrex: 'What sort of Late Antiquity? Reflections on P. Brown, *Journeys of the Mind*'

31 January | Room G.21 | Rosamond McKitterick: The Collectio Quesnelliana 'canon law' compilation in Einsiedeln Stiftsbibliothek MS 191 (s.VIIIex) and its implications

28 February | Room 1.04 | Andy Merrills: Triple Tongued Kings: Making sense of rulership in Aksumite Ethiopia

7 March | Room G.21 | Julia Hillner: Late Roman Emperors in Love

**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, Faculty of Divinity** on **Wednesdays at 2.15pm**

**No meetings this Term.**

New Testament Research Seminar

https://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/researchareas/seminars/new-testament

4-5.30pm, Lightfoot Room

For information contact George van Kooten, Email [gv258@cam.ac.uk](mailto:gv258@cam.ac.uk)

# (not posted yet)

The Religions of Late Antiquity Seminar

https://www.divinity.cam.ac.uk/researchareas/seminars/religionsoflateantiquity

# In the Michaelmas Term 2024, the Religions of Late Antiquity Seminar (ROLA) joins forces and holds joint sessions with the Cambridge Late Antiquity Network Seminars (CLANS). We hope to strengthen mutual collaboration and foster exchange and discussion across disciplines over joint interests in this fascinating period.

# (not posted yet)

# **English**

Medieval Research Seminar

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

All seminars at 5.15 in S-R24, Faculty of English

**Wednesday 16 October**: Jo Bellis (University of Cambridge)  
Verisimilitude and the Medieval Eyewitness

**Wednesday 30 October:** Yu Onuma (Doshisha University)  
Travelling Marvels: Seeing Classical Reception through the Lens of Medieval Wonder

**Wednesday 13 November:** Mike Rodman Jones (University of Nottingham),  
Aspects of Middle English Ekphrasis

**Wednesday 27 November:** Nicholas Watson (Harvard University),  
Are Revelations a Distinct Genre? Vision as Witness from Angela of Foligno and Gertrude the Great to Julian of Norwich and Margery Kempe

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

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)

# **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))

All seminars start at 4pm and are in the Board Room of the Faculty of History. Formal part finishes by about 5.30pm, followed by drinks and nibbles.

**Events**

23 Jan              Prof Elizabeth Comuzzi (Fordham) – ‘The Crisis of the Fourteenth Century in the Catalan Pyrenees’          **VIRTUAL SESSION** - a Zoom link will be circulated closer to the date

6 Feb               Dr Erin Dailey (Leicester) – ‘Domestic Slavery & Bodily Vulnerability in the Late Antique and Early Medieval World’

20 Feb             Dr Lidia Zanetti Domingues – ‘'A Caricature of Criminal Justice? Depictions of Judicial Violence in Tuscan Preaching (ca. 1280-1320)'

6 Mar              Prof Sophie Page ‘The Magician in time: Pliny’s *Natural History* and Medieval Magic’

Upcoming: Easter Term we will have Prof Julia Smith (Oxford) on 1 May and, in collaboration with the Medieval Economic History seminar, Prof Chris Wickham (Oxford) on 15 May.

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.

Core Seminar in Economic and Social History

The Core Seminar in Economic & Social History Cambridge brings together the nine specialist research seminar series in the field, which the run their separate programmes in the Lent and Easter terms: Seminar convenors: [Amy Erickson](mailto:ale25@cam.ac.uk), Leigh Shaw-Taylor, Emily Chung and Guillaume Proffit

**Thursdays at 5.15pm**

**Faculty of History, Room 6**

Oct 10 Royal justice, society and economy in medieval England: evidence from Derbyshire

Chris Briggs - University of Cambridge

Nov 21 *The Durham Ox: Values and Prices in the Medieval Northeast*

Elizabeth Gemmill - University of Oxford

# **History**

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)).

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))

Not posted yet.

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))

Not posted yet.

# **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.

Please email: [lss33@cam.ac.uk](mailto:lss33@cam.ac.uk) with any queries.

Monday 10th February: **Donal Cooper and Lucas Giles, University of Cambridge; Marco Bevilacqua and Piergiuseppe Richichi, University of Pisa**  
*Cimabue in Paris: Recovering the context of Duecento artworks large and small in the Louvre exhibition*

Monday 17th February: **Krisztina Ilko, University of Cambridge**  
*Playing with Fools? The Emergence of the Jester on the Medieval Chessboard*

 Monday 3rd March: **Laura Cleaver, Institute of English Studies, SAS, University of London**  
*Francis Wormald as a Collector of Medieval Manuscripts*

**Easter Term:**

Monday 19th May: **Teresa Porciani, University of Leicester**  
*Figural Stone Sculpture in England, c. 750-900 AD: Continental Connections*

# **History and Philosophy of Science**

Departmental Seminars in History and Philosophy of Science

https://www.hps.cam.ac.uk/news-events/seminars-reading-groups/departmental

Seminars take place on **Thursdays from 3.30pm to 5pm in Arts School Lecture Theatre A, New Museums Site**. Organised by Lewis Bremner.

No medieval seminars this term; for other non-medieval papers, see link.

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 Thomas Banbury (tjb98).

Not posted yet.

(for other non-medieval papers, see link)

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!

Not posted yet.

Early Science and Medicine

Seminars are on **Tuesdays from 5.00 to 6.30pm in Seminar Room 1** unless otherwise stated. All welcome!

Organised by Philippa Carter and Emma Perkins.

Not posted yet.

Generation to Reproduction

Organised by Salim Al-Gailani, Philippa Carter, Rosanna Dent, Nick Hopwood, Staffan Müller-Wille and Dmitriy Myelnikov

Not posted yet.

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 Thomas Banbury or Debby Banham. In Michaelmas Term 2024 we will meet **weekly on Fridays, 4–5pm in Seminar Room 1**.

# **Medieval and Modern Languages and Linguistics**

Medieval Literature and Culture Seminar

<https://www.mmll.cam.ac.uk/research/events>

Birchbark Literacy in the Graphosphere of Medieval Novgorod; Jos Schaeken (Leiden University)

Thursday, 27 February 2025 - 5:30pm

Knox Shaw Room, Sidney Sussex College

For other non medieval semianrs, see link above.

# **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 – King’s College**

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**

Not posted yet.

For other, non-medieval offerings, see the link above.

Medieval Questions – King’s College

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, focussing our collective attention on knotty questions of interpretation and analysis.

All seminars will take place in **King’s College, Cambridge 1pm-2pm**. Formal discussion will end at 2pm, but attendees are welcome to continue the conversation until 2.15.  All attendees are welcome to bring their lunch.

**30 Jan** - Doriane Zerka - 'The Queen and the Hound: Gender, Power and Language in Königin Sibille'  (**Audit Room**)

**27 Feb** - Anthony Bale - ‘The first witch: how do we approach the Kilkenny witch-trial of 1324?’ - note change in location:**Provost’s Drawing room**

**13 Mar** - Giulia Bellato -  ‘Domicide’, ‘urbicide’ and rhetorics of violence in medieval Italy (**Audit Room**)

# **Conferences, Workshops, Events**

Medicoffee

Medicoffee (Medieval Coffee) takes place weekly on Wednesdays at 14:00 – 15:00 at Gonville and Caius College, Lord Colyton Hall. Hosted by Vedran Sulovsky. Free coffee and biscuits provided. Intended for scholars of all parts and disciplines of the medieval world to discuss the field. PhD or equivalent required.