SEMINARS ON

MEDIEVAL TOPICS

EASTER TERM 2024

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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.**

* 26 April 2024, Research Seminar: Dr Fangzhe Qiu (University College Dublin), Mar aderid na dligthi-so: construction of textual networks in late medieval Irish ‘digests’
* 6 May 2024, Graduate Seminar: Prof. Massimiliano Bampi, Fictional worlds and generic awareness in late medieval saga writing
* 10 May 2024, Research Seminar: Dr Jonathan Hui: Constructing Irishness in Medieval Icelandic Romance
* 13 May 2024, Graduate Seminar: Dr Samuel Cardwell, Biblical Commentary at Wearmouth-Jarrow Before Bede? The Hereford Commentary on Matthew
* 17 May 2024, Research Seminar: Dr Luisa Ostacchini (Stipendiary Lecturer in English at Oxford), title tbc
* 24 May 2024, Research Seminar: Dr Victoria Krivoshchekova (DIAS), title tbc

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

H.M. Chadwick Memorial Lecture

The thirty-fifth annual lecture was given by Professor Julia Crick (Professor of Palaeography and Manuscript Studies, King's College London), entitled 'A palaeographer's vision': the life, times, and work of T. Julian Brown, Professor of Palaeography, University of London, 1960-87. The lecture was on 14 March 2024.

Kathleen Hughes Memorial Lecture

Professor Gordon Noble (Aberdeen) on 25 April 2024, 'The Development of the Pictish Kingdoms in Northern Britain, c.AD300-900'.

**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>

Not this term

Asian Archaeology Seminar Series

For more information contact Dylan Gaffney ([dacg2@cam.ac.uk](mailto:dacg2@cam.ac.uk)), [www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/asian-archaeology-group](http://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/asian-archaeology-group)

For non-medieval papers, see link above.

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| [Between Two Worlds: The Horse in the Worldview and Art of the Population of Kazakhstan Through the Prism of the Millennium](https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/asian-archaeology-group/between-two-worlds-horse-worldview-and-art-population-kazakhstan) | Wednesday, 8 May, 2024 - 13:15 to 14:15 | Dr. Rinat Zhumatayev (Al Farabi Kazakh National University, Almaty) |
| [New Insights into the Adoption and Innovation of Glazed Ceramics in Medieval Central Asia](https://www.arch.cam.ac.uk/events/asian-archaeology-group/new-insights-adoption-and-innovation-glazed-ceramics-medieval-central) | Wednesday, 22 May, 2024 - 13:00 to 14:00 | Dr. Catherine Klesner (University of Cambridge) |

Garrod Research Seminar Series

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

Not this term.

Material Culture Forum

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

Not this term.

**Asian and Middle Eastern Studies**

Middle East Seminar

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

**N. Ganany,** [**The Most Popular Buddhist Book Printed in Ming Beijing circa 1450**](https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/book-culture-buddhism-and-beyond-2023-24/most-popular-buddhist-book-printed-ming-beijing)

*Tuesday, 7 May, 2024 - 14:00*

Runcie Room, Faculty of Divinity

**G. Khan,** [**Relations between Fatimid Egypt and Nubia as Reflected by the Arabic Documents Discovered at Qasr Ibrim**](https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/mes-seminar-series-lent-easter-2024/relations-between-fatimid-egypt-and-nubia-reflected)

*Thursday, 9 May, 2024 - 17:15*

Old Common Room, Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies

For non-medieval seminars, see the link above.

Organisers: Assef Ashraf (and Prof. Andrew Marsham and Sam Martin, co-convenors)

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/>

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

Book Culture in Buddhism and Beyond, 2023-24

https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/book-culture-buddhism-and-beyond-2023-24

N. Ganany, [The Most Popular Buddhist Book Printed in Ming Beijing circa 1450](https://www.ames.cam.ac.uk/whats-on/book-culture-buddhism-and-beyond-2023-24/most-popular-buddhist-book-printed-ming-beijing)

*Tuesday, 7 May, 2024 - 14:00*

Runcie Room, Faculty of Divinity

For non-medieval seminars, see the link above.

For info contact Dr Noga Ganany, [ng462@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ng462@cam.ac.uk?subject=Book%20Culture%20in%20Buddhism%20and%20Beyond)

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>

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))

(No meetings this term)

# **CLANS**

Cambridge Late Antiquity Network Seminar (CLANS)

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

Easter Term:

Marios Costambeys, Wednesday 1st May, 4-5:30pm: The Feast of All Saints on 1st November: When?  Where?  Why?

Mark Vessey, Friday 10th May, 2:30-4pm: New Latin scriptures, or an author’s work? Reading Jerome’s catalogue of famous men (De viris illustribus / De scriptoribus ecclesiasticis)

Jamie Wood, Friday 17th May, 2:30-4pm: Ruling Byzantine Hispania: Government in Fragments

**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 in Easter 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)

The Religions of Late Antiquity Seminar

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

 Most seminars will be online and/or hybrid between 14-15.30 on Mondays. Please contact Sophie Lunn-Rockliffe [(sjl39@cam.ac.uk)](mailto:sjl39@cam.ac.uk) for zoom login.

29 April Gabrielle Thomas, Emory University GA,‘The Cappadocians on the problem of the devil’

# **English**

Medieval Research Seminar

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

The Medieval Research Seminars for this term are as follows, on Wednesdays, at 5.30, in SR 24, Faculty of English. We very much hope to see as many of you as possible in person, but will also stream this session on Zoom for those unable to attend in person. Please email Nicky for the link ([nz202@cam.ac.uk](mailto:nz202@cam.ac.uk)).

Not running this term.

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)

# **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.

2 May                   Dr Ben Guy (ASNC), “Charter boundaries and the vernacular in early medieval Wales and England”

16 May                Dr Vedran Sulovsky (Caius), "Imperial protonotary Heinrich of Maastricht, the *Life of Saint Charlemagne* and the Cult of Saint Charlemagne"

30 May                Dr Lucy Sackville (York), “The business of the faith: inquisition practice in the thirteenth century”

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)

1 May, Wednesday,1-2pm

*Ramsden Room, St Catharine’s College Cambridge*

Dr Krisztina Ilko (Queens’ College Cambridge) *Chess as Cross-Cultural Encounter in the Libro de axedrez (1283)*

Medieval Economic and Social History

Seminars take place in Easter Term Wed at 5pm. 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 Chris Briggs know.

**1 May** Alex Hibberts; *'Water, Power and Institutional Decision Making on the Changing Late Medieval English Coastline, c.1350-1600’*

**8 May**John Oldland; ‘*Counting cattle circa 1300’*

**22 May;** Hannah Skoda; ‘*When enough was enough. Nostalgia and the idea of sufficiency in the fourteenth century’*

# **History**

Core seminar in economic and social history

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

We run hybrid: on zoom and in the room (Faculty Room 6). Those present in person are welcome to join us afterwards for drinks in the Faculty's Senior Common Room and dinner with the speaker at a local restaurant.  
\*Not running this term, see the Medieval Economic and Social History listing above.

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/medieval-history-graduate-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.

Alternate Thursdays at 4pm in the History Faculty Boardroom and on Zoom. To receive the Zoom links and be added to our mailing list, contact our Conveners: cambridgemedieval@gmail.com

Also see the Camedieval Blog for new posts every fortnight: https://camedieval.wordpress.com/

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.

 Not running this term.

# **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).

13 May, Aisha Alowais Alshamsi (Warburg Institute)  
Comets in medieval Arabic astronomical and historical treatise

(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

Organised by Dániel Margócsy and Philippa Carter.

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 Easter 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>

Seminars take place on Thursdays at 5pm

Not posted yet.

Graphospheres Symposium, 25–26 April 2024

*Graphospheres*is a celebration in honour of Simon Franklin, Emeritus Professor of Slavonic Studies at the University of Cambridge. It flows from his most recent book, *The Russian Graphosphere, 1450–1850*(Cambridge, 2019), and aims not only to recognise Simon’s scholarship, but also to prompt wide-ranging discussions around the graphosphere as the space of the visible word. The symposium brings together a distinguished group of international scholars to discuss information technologies from the pre-modern to the present.

Details of registration can be found [here](http://tinyurl.com/graphosphere). If you have any questions, please contact Emma Widdis ([ekw1000@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ekw1000@cam.ac.uk)), Susan Larsen ([sl545@cam.ac.uk](mailto:sl545@cam.ac.uk)) or Angus Russell ([ajmr5@cam.ac.uk](mailto:ajmr5@cam.ac.uk)).

**Palaeography**

Cambridge Palaeography Workshop

The Workshop takes the form of an informal discussion on a specific issue arising from the analysis and interpretation of medieval manuscripts, the discussion being initiated with one or more short presentations. There will be two Workshops this term as follows:

Friday 17 May 2024, 2-4pm, CUL Manuscript Room, glass box room

On the challenges of description and  interpretation of multi-text complex manuscripts, introduced by  presentations  from Dr Alicia Smith ('A multi-text manuscript within a multi-volume manuscript: layered processes of extraction and rearrangement') and Clotilde Lemarie ('Some methodological considerations on the analysis of a corpus of twelfth- and thirteenth-century multi-text, complex manuscripts containing treatises on prosody and Marbod of Rennes' *De ornamentis verborum'*)

Friday 24 May 2024, 2-4 pm, CUL Manuscript Room, glass box room

On the concept of 'luxury' in relation to the material on which books were written, introduced by presentations from Prof. David Ganz (on purple parchment and the parchment of Carolingian deluxe books), Madison Bennett (on the parchment for early-eleventh-century English gospel books) and Prof. Orietta da Rold (on the concept of 'quality' in relation to paper).

# **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 Audit Room, King’s College, and via Zoom. To join the online meetings, see link above. **Fridays 2pm, King’s College**

10 May: S. Liu: Tracing Silver’s Path: Unveiling the Silver Circulation System of Late Ming Dynasty Through the Lens of 50 Taels Official Bullio

31 May: A. Marsham: Perspectives on the Umayyad Empire: West Eurasia and North Africa in the Seventh and Eighth Centuries

14 June: D. Tosheva: From Foundation to Function: Reevaluating the Samanid Tomb through New Evidence

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

# ‘Globalisation/s?’

Monday 3 June, we’re hosting a day-long workshop in Keynes Hall, King’s College.

Starting from a series of deceptively simple questions (How should globalisation be defined? When did it begin? Is it still a useful concept?), we aim to create a space that brings together longstanding experts and emerging scholars in as diverse fields as economics, archeology, anthropology, and history.

Invited speakers include Sabina Fiolna, Ignasi Grau, Abigail Moffett, Kevin O’Rourke, Martin Pitts, Manfred Steger and François Velde, who will be in conversation with discussants from across the collegiate university, including Meredith Crowley, Caroline Goodson and Andrew Sanchez.

# **Conferences, Workshops, Events**

# 2024 Henry Bradshaw Lecture

# Professor Margot Fassler (University of Notre Dame), Hildegard von Bingen as Liturgist: 5pm, 26 April 2024, in the Winstanley Lecture Theatre, Trinity College.

# All welcome, in person and online via <https://trin-cam-ac-uk.zoom.us/j/99971>

# **Future**

George Macaulay Trevelyan Lectures, University of Cambridge, Michaelmas 2024

Prof. Amy Remensnyder (Brown University)