



PhD Colloquium on Late Antiquity

Edith Morley Building, Room G44

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Day 1: Friday 4 May 2018

Session 1: Greek hagiography (chair: Rev Mark Laynesmith, Reading)

10.00 Nikolaos Kälviäinen (University of Crete), *Searching for the historical context of the genesis of the Greek premetaphrastic Passion of St. Marina of Antioch*

10.15 Response: Dr. Arietta Papacostantinou (Univ. of Reading) + plenary discussion

10.45 Maria Sole Rigo (Sapienza University of Rome), *Paraphrasis and personal creativity in Eudocia Augusta's De S. Cypriano*

11.00 Response: Prof. Karla Pollmann (Univ. of Reading) + plenary discussion

11.30 *Coffee break*

Session 2: Egypt and Gaul (chair: Ilaria Scarponi, Univ. of Reading)

12.00 Matthias Stern (University of Basel), *Land, career, and power in late Roman Egypt*

12.15 Response: Dr. Arietta Papacostantinou (Univ. of Reading) + plenary discussion

12.45 Carlo Ferrari (University of Florence), *Death in Arras: a Germanic sanctuary in a Gallo-Roman civitas?*

13.00 Response: Dr. Ken Dark (University of Reading) + plenary discussion

13.30 *Lunch*

14.30 Visit to the Ure Museum (welcome and tour by Professor Amy Smith, Univ. of Reading)

Session 3: Late antique religion (chair: Prof. Karla Pollmann, Reading)

15.30 Anna Lucia Furlan (King's College, London), *Orphic God(s) and the 'one' God: Christian reception of Orphic henotheism in Late Antiquity*

15.45 Response: Dr. Chiara O. Tommasi (University of Pisa) + plenary discussion

16.15 Elisa Nuria Merisio (Sapienza University of Rome), *The role of prophets in Late Antiquity: the evidence of two funerary epigrams from Phrygia*

16.30 Response Dr. Chiara O. Tommasi (University of Pisa) + plenary discussion

17.00 Poster session

Day 2: Saturday 5 May 2018

9.30 Keynote address: Dr Chiara O. Tommasi (University of Pisa): *Esotericism in Classical and Late Antiquity*

10.10 Plenary discussion

Session 4: Late Latin poetry (chair: Lorenzo Livorsi, Reading)

10.30. Ann Katrin Stähle (Universität Basel), *Poetics of myth in Sidonius Apollinaris*

10.45 Response: Dr Helen Kaufmann (Oxford University) + plenary discussion

11.15 Wiebke Nierste (Justus Liebig University of Gießen), *Are you series? A serial perspective on Claudian's Carmina minora*

11.30 Response: Dr Gillian Knight (University of Reading) + plenary discussion

12.00 Lunch

Session 5: Late antique philosophy (chair: Sara Contini, Reading)

13.30 Ben Kybett (University of Cambridge), *Eusebius and Plotinus on the Image of God*

13.45 Response (Prof. John Rist, University of Toronto) + plenary discussion

14.15 Lea Niccolai (University of Cambridge), *The sovereign first, or the law? A late imperial political dilemma.*

14.30 Response (Prof. John Rist, University of Toronto) + plenary discussion

15.00 *Coffee break*

Session 6: Judaism and Christianity (chair: Fiona McMeekin, Reading)

15.30 Judith von Bresinsky (Freie Universität Berlin), *Seder Nashim that is Strength. The Talmudic order of women and its famous epithet: 'Chosen'*

15.45 Response: Prof. Tessa Rajak (University of Reading / Somerville College, Oxford) + plenary discussion

16.15 Teresa Röger (University of Cambridge), *Augustine, 'lectissimus pensator uerborum'? Augustine and the qualms of definition in De beata uita*

16.45 Response: Prof. Karla Pollmann (University of Reading) + plenary discussion

17.15 *poster session*

18.30 *Wine reception and conclusion*

POSTERS:

1. Nadine Viermann (Universität Konstanz), *Transformation of the Eastern Roman monarchy in the early seventh century*
2. Ann Katrin Stähle (Universität Basel), *Poetics of myth in Sidonius Apollinaris*
3. Argyro Lithari (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), *Astronomy and Philosophy in Proclus' Hypotyposis Astronomicarum Positionum*
4. Dimitra Makri (University of Ioannina, University of Vienna), *The culture of beverages: the case of beer and wine in Graeco-Roman antiquity*
5. Fabrizio Petorella (Roma Tre University), *Construction of sanctity, creation of a model: the case of the First Greek Life of Saint Pachomius*
6. Maurits de Leeuw (Universität Tübingen), *The Holy Man against the Emperor: Monastic Opposition in Early Byzantine Hagiography*
7. Alejandro Fernández Gonzalez (University of Cantabria), *Archaeological landscape of Northern Hispania in Late Antiquity (5th-8th centuries)*
8. Raquel Castro Marqués (University of Oviedo), *Architecture Archaeology in hermitage phenomenon of the North of Spain in Late Antiquity*