CAMBRIDGE CLASSICS RESEARCH SEMINARS  
MICHAELMAS TERM 2018

These Seminars are open to all Graduates and Senior Members who are interested in them. This list is also published on the website:  
http://www.classics.cam.ac.uk/faculty/seminars_conferences/. Some details have not yet been finalized.

A: LITERATURE

‘The Materials of Greek Literature’

Seminars will be at 17:15 to 18:45 on Wednesdays in room 1.04. All are welcome.

10 October
Richard Hunter (Cambridge)
A Little (Merkel)Bach and Some Stones.

17 October
Naomi Weiss (Harvard)
This and That: Seeing Theater in Fifth-Century Athens

24 October
Patrick James (Cambridge)
Horae astronomicae: Codex Climaci Rescriptus and the lost Greek between the lines and right under your nose.

31 October 31
Lucia Prauscello (Cambridge)

7 November
Martin Revermann (Toronto)
Translating the Fragmentary.

14 November
Miguel Herrero (Madrid)
Isyllus and the Poetics of City-saving

21 November
Giambattista D’Alessio (London), TBA

28 November
Daniela Colomo (Oxford)
A New Ptolemaic Anthology on Papyrus: P.Lips. inv. 1105
**B: PHILOSOPHY**

**Senior Research Seminar: Plato’s Hippias Major**

Seminars will be at 16:30 to 18:30 every Thursday throughout Michaelmas and Lent in room 1.11. Meetings will begin at 18:05 and end at 20:00 when the Philological Society Meets (25 October, 15 November, 29 November).

- 11 October
- 18 October
- 25 October
- 1 November
- 8 November
- 15 November
- 22 November
- 29 November

We will be reading Plato Hippias Major. Please bring along a text. A division of the text will be circulated at the first meeting and we will ask for volunteers to lead each session.

Everyone interested in the *Sophist* is welcome. Although this is the ‘senior research seminar’, the B Caucus positively encourages young people, people from other caucuses and indeed philosophical people with no affiliation with the B Caucus to attend.

**THE B CLUB**

Meets in room 1.11, Faculty of Classics, at 17:00; tea available outside 1.11 from 16:30.

**22 October**
Dr Andrea Capra (Durham University)
*Socrates in Plato’s Academy: words and images.*

**5 November**
Professor Marta Jimenez (Emory University)
*Plato’s Mixed Feelings about Empeiria.*

**19 November**
Dr Anders Dahl Sørensen (Durham University)
*The Anonymus Iamblichi on Athenian Democracy.*
C: ANCIENT HISTORY

Truth, Authenticity, Fakery and Fiction in the Classical World.

Seminars start Mondays 17:15 and finish at 18:45 in Room G.21, Faculty of Classics.

8 October
Welcome and Introduction.

15 October
Rebecca van Hove (KCL)
Defining truth, divining authority: oracle quotations in the Athenian law courts.

22 October
David Friedman (Cambridge)
‘Poor reasoning’ in Josephus: Sloppiness or method?

29 October
Rebecca Flemming (Cambridge)
Adultery, fraud and the truth of patria potestas.

5 November
Laurence Totelin (Cardiff)
Stretching out the Pepper: Drug Fraud in Antiquity.

12 November
Renan Baker (Cambridge)
TBC

19 November
William Guast (Bristol)
‘Unsuited to the present times and circumstances?’ How unrealistic was Greek declamation and why does it matter?

26 November
Paul du Plessis (Edinburgh)
Law and progress—a critical reading of Digest 1.2.2.
D: CLASSICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Seminars start Tuesdays 16:30 and finish at 18:00, they are held in room 1.04 in the Faculty of Classics. All are welcome.

9 October
Martin Pitts (Exeter)  
*Objectscapes and connectivity in early Roman northwest Europe.*

16 October
Rose Ferraby (Cambridge)  
*Stone exposures: cultural geology and archaeology.*

23 October  No seminar

30 October
Simon James (Leicester)  
*When is an ancient port a port? Dreamer’s Bay and the maritime cultural landscape of the Akrotiri peninsula, Cyprus.*

6 November
John Weisweiler (Cambridge)  
*Predation, Capital Formation and the Composition of the Roman Senate 14-235 CE.*

13 November
Yannis Galanakis (Cambridge)  
*Excavating a Monumental Mycenaean Chamber Tomb in Central Greece.*

20 November  No seminar

27 November
Naomi Sykes (Exeter)  
*Animal invasions: the bio-cultural impact and legacy of the Roman Empire.*
E: PHILOLOGY AND LINGUISTICS

The Linguistics Research Seminar as well as the Mycenaean Seminars will take place on Wednesdays between 16:30 and 18:00 in room 1.11.

Indo-European Seminar: The Greek Verb and Beyond

10 October
Introductory session for the term’s reading seminar on A. Willi Origins of the Greek Verb (Cambridge 2017, available on Cambridge Core).

24 October
Marina Benedetti (Siena)
Double accusatives in Ancient Greek: διδάσκω between traditional and modern approaches.

7 November
Roland Pooth (Ghent)
 PIE alignment change and the emergence of the thematic conjugation: Two sides of the same diachronic coin?

21 November
Klaas Bentein (Ghent)
The decline of infinitival complementation in Ancient Greek. A reconsideration.

Mycenaean Seminar

14 November
Dr Philippa Steele
Influences on the use of clay tablets: a view from LBA Cyprus.

28 November
Ester Salgarella
Drawing Lines: The Palaeography of Linear A/B.
GRADUATE INTERDISCIPLINARY SEMINARS

Fridays at 16:30 in Room 1.11. A full programme will follow.

This year’s coordinators are:

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We look forward to seeing as many Graduates there as possible.

PHILOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Meetings are at 16:30, tea and cakes from 16:00 unless indicated. Meetings will be held in Room G.21, Faculty of Classics.

25 October
Professor Richard Janko (Michigan)
A freethinker on the mysteries: Philology, philosophy and religion in the Derveni papyrus.

15 November - Room 1.02, Faculty of Classics
Professor Jaś Elsner (Oxford)
The invention of Late Antiquity: between politics and religion in the forms of Late Roman art.

29 November - Seminar Room 3, Cripps Court, Magdalene College
Professor Victoria Rimell (Warwick)
The intimacy of wounding in Seneca’s Consolatio ad Helviam.