



ETHICS AND EMPIRE I: THE ANCIENT PERIOD



A TWO-DAY COLLOQUIUM AT CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD

6-7th July 2017



Ethics and Empire I: The Ancient Period

**South West Lodgings, Christ Church, Oxford
6-7th July 2017**

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 6th JULY

1100-1125: Arrival and coffee

1125: Welcome

1130-1300: Session I: Classical Roman republicanism and early Roman empire

Chair: Nigel Biggar

Speaker: Malcolm Schofield

Respondent: Hannah Cornwell

1300-1400: Lunch

1400-1530: Session II: The New Testament and Roman empire

Chair: Robin Lovin

Speaker: Peter Oakes

Respondent: Martin Goodman

1530-1600: Tea

1600-1730: Session III: Augustine and late Roman empire

Chair: Carly Crouch

Speaker: Charles Mathewes

Respondent: Gillian Clark

FRIDAY 7th JULY

0900-1030: Session IV: Ancient Israel and the Assyrian and Babylonian empires

Chair: Gillian Clark

Speaker: Carly Crouch

Respondent: Nicholas Postgate

1030-1100: Coffee

1100-1230: Session V: Classical Chinese appraisals of empire

Chair: John Darwin

Speaker: Aaron Stalnaker

Respondent: Dirk Meyer

1430-1600: Core Group planning meeting

PARTICIPANTS

- Brad Barlow, M.Phil. (Christian Ethics) candidate, University of Oxford
- Nigel Biggar, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, and Director of the McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, and Public Life, at the University of Oxford; author of *In Defence of War* (2013) and *Between Kin and Cosmopolis: an ethic of the nation* (2014)
- Gillian Clark, Emeritus Professor Classics & Ancient History, University of Bristol; editor of Augustine, *The Confessions, Books I-IV* (1995); author of *Christianity and Roman Society* (2012)
- Hannah Cornwell, Lecturer in Ancient History and Leverhulme Early Career Fellow, University of Birmingham; Non-stipendiary Fellow, Institute of Classical Studies, School of Advanced Study, University of London; author of *Pax and the Politics of Peace* (2017)
- Carly Crouch, Associate Professor in Hebrew Bible, University of Nottingham; author of *The Making of Israel: cultural diversity in the Southern Levant and the formation of ethnic identity in Deuteronomy* (2014); co-editor of *In the Name of God: The Bible in the colonial discourse of empire* (2013)
- John Darwin, Professor of Global and Imperial History, and Director of the Oxford Centre for Global History, at the University of Oxford; author of *Unfinished Empire: the global expansion of Britain* (2012), *The Empire Project: the rise and fall of the British world system 1830-1970* (2009), and *After Tamerlane: the global history of empire since 1405* (2007)
- Mark Edwards, Professor of Early Christian Studies, University of Oxford; author of “The Making of a Christian Empire: Lactantius and Rome” (2012) and *Religions of the Constantinian Empire* (2015)
- Martin Goodman, Professor of Jewish Studies, University of Oxford; author of *Rome and Jerusalem: the clash of ancient civilisations* (2007); co-editor of *Representations of Empire: Rome and the Mediterranean world* (2002)
- Eric Gregory, Professor of Religion and Chair of the Council of the Humanities, Princeton University; author of *Politics and the Order of Love: an Augustinian ethic of democratic citizenship?* (2008) and “Strange Fruit: Augustine, Liberalism, and the Good Samaritan” (2017)
- Carol Harrison, Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, University of Oxford; author of *Augustine: Christian truth and fractured humanity* (2000) and *Rethinking Augustine's Early Theology: an argument for continuity* (2006)
- Joshua Hordern, Associate Professor of Christian Ethics, University of Oxford; author of *Political Affections: civic participation and moral theology* (2013) and “New Conversations in Islamic and Christian Political Thought” (2016)
- Lawrence James, author of *The Rise and Fall of the British Empire* (1994), *Raj: the making and unmaking of British India* (1997), and *Empires in the Sun: the struggle for the mastery of Africa* (2016)
- Robin Lovin, Cary M. Maguire University Professor Emeritus of Ethics, Southern Methodist University; author of *Reinhold Niebuhr and Christian Realism* (1995) and *Christian Realism and the New Realities* (2008)
- Charles Mathewes, Carolyn M. Barbour Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia; author of *A Theology of Public Life* (2007), *The Republic of Grace: Augustinian thoughts in dark times* (2010); co-editor of *Comparative Religious Ethics: the major works* (2015)
- Dirk Meyer, Associate Professor of Chinese Philosophy, Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford; author of *Origins of Chinese Political Philosophy: studies in the composition and thought of the Shangshu* (2017)

- Sarah Mortimer, Associate Professor of Early Modern History, University of Oxford; author of *Reason and Religion in the English Revolution: the challenge of Socinianism* (2010) and “Christianity and Civil Religion in Hobbes’s *Leviathan*” (2016)
- Peter Oakes, Greenwood Senior Lecturer in the New Testament, University of Manchester; author of “Christian Attitudes to Rome at the Time of Paul’s Letter” (2003), “Remapping the Universe: Paul and the Emperor in 1 Thessalonians and Philippians” (2005), “A State of Tension: Rome in the New Testament” (2005), and *Galatians* (2015)
- Nicholas Postgate, Senior Fellow, McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge; author of *Taxation and Conscription in the Assyrian Empire* (1974), *The First Empires* (1977) and *Bronze Age Bureaucracy* (2013)
- Malcolm Schofield, Professor *Emeritus* of Ancient Philosophy, University of Cambridge; author of *The Stoic Idea of the City* (1991) and *Plato: political philosophy* (2006); co-editor *The Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Political Thought* (2000)
- Aaron Stalnaker, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Indiana University; author of *Overcoming Our Evil: human nature and spiritual exercises in Xunzi and Augustine* (2006) and “Mastery, Authority, and Hierarchy in the ‘Inner Chapters’ of the Zhuāngzǐ” (2012); co-editor of *Religious Ethics in a Time of Globalism: shaping a third wave of comparative analysis* (2012)

DIRECTIONS

Christ Church (South-West Lodgings), Oxford, OX1 1DP
The venue is shown as **A** on the map below.



By Car

If you travel to Oxford by car, you would be well advised to use the Park-and-Ride system (especially at the foot of the Abingdon Road) and not to bring your vehicle into the city-centre. Nevertheless, there is a city-central car-park next to the Westgate shopping centre.

By Train

There are regular, direct trains from London to Oxford departing from London Paddington. It is a short (15-minute) walk from the station to the college.

Further information can be found here: <http://www.thetrainline.com/buytickets/>

By Bus

There is a direct and very regular coach service between London and Oxford departing from London Victoria. The point of disembarkation closest to Christ Church is the 'St Aldate's' stop.

Further information can be found here: <http://www.oxfordtube.com/londontube.php>

Contact

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