

**2024 SPRING SYMPOSIUM**  
**JUSTICE IN BYZANTIUM**  
**SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> – MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL**

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**The conference will take place in the Templeman Lecture Theatre**

**8:30-9.45am Registration** Templeman Foyer (Templeman Library)

**9:45 Welcome:** Anne Alwis and Laura Franco (Kent; Tor Vergata) and **Tribute to Elisabeth Jeffreys and Bob Ousterhout**

**10:00-11:45 Session 1: Social Justice**

**Chair: Gavriil Boutziopoulos (Birmingham)**

- Dionysios Stathakopoulos (Cyprus) ONLINE: ‘Social Justice and Economic Concerns in the Late-Byzantine World’
- Arietta Papaconstantinou (Aix-Marseille): ‘Petition, Protection and Patronage: Negotiating Social Justice in Village Communities’
- Carlos Machado (St Andrews) ONLINE: ‘Social Justice and Subaltern Experience in Late- Antique Italy’

**11.45-12.45 Communications I**

**Chair: Laura Franco (Tor Vergata)**

- Elizabeth Buchanan (Findlay): ‘Justice and Intercession: Religious views on the afterlife of souls as a mirror for popular views of justice in Byzantium’
- Romain Goudjil (Sorbonne): ‘How to take legal action in Byzantium (10th-15th centuries). A practical perspective’
- Valerio Massimo Minale (Naples): ‘The Animals in the Isaurian *Ekloge*’

**12.45-14:00 Lunch:** Rutherford Dining Hall (self-service)

**Meeting of Graduate students (plus sandwich lunch):** Templeman seminar room 1

## **14:00-15.10 Session 2: Unwritten Rules**

**Chair: Anne Alwis (Kent)**

- Rosemary Morris (York): ‘Why Write it Down? The Transition from the Spoken to the Written Word in Monastic Typika’
- Anna Kelley (St Andrews): “‘After God it is your help I look for’”: Holy intermediaries and Unwritten Routes towards Women's Justice in Byzantine Egypt’

**15:10-16:00 Coffee:** Templeman Foyer

## **16:00-17:00 Communications II**

**Chair: Liz James (Sussex)**

- Sarah Mathiesen (Florida State): ‘Eavesdropping: Crime and Punishment in a Cappadocian Rock-Cut Church’
- Magdalena Laptas (Warsaw): ‘Christ as the Sun of Justice with the Archangels and Holy Warriors in Nubian Art’
- Francesco Muraca (Bologna) ONLINE: ‘The δικαιοδότης: the Byzantine *iuridicus*?’

**17:00-17:30 KEYNOTE:** Daphne Penna (Groningen) ‘Justice in Byzantium: Blind or Biased?’

**17.30-18.30 Reception sponsored by SPBS:** Templeman Foyer

**18.30-20.30 Dinner:** Rutherford Dining Hall (self-service)

# **SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**7.45-9.00am Breakfast**

**9.00-9.30 Coffee:** Templeman Foyer

## **9:30–10:40 Session 3: Criminal Justice**

**Chair: Ed Roberts (Kent)**

- Lorena Atzeri (Milan): ‘Criminal Justice in Byzantium (C8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>): Offences, Punishments, and Deterrence from the *Ecloga* to the *Peira*’
- Mike Humphreys (Oxford): ‘Mutilation in Byzantine Law: The Case of Nose Amputation’

**10:40-11:00 Coffee:** Templeman Foyer

**11:00–12:10 Session 4: Revenge**

**Chair: Laura Franco (Tor Vergata)**

- Francesca Barone (CNRS): ‘Forms and Functions of Punishment in early Egyptian Monasticism’
- Robert Wiśniewski (Warsaw): ‘Martyrs Strike Back: Martyrdom and Revenge in Late-Antique Hagiography’

**12:10-12:45 Communications III**

**Chair: Fiona Haarer (KCL)**

- Marina Detoraki (Crete) ONLINE: ‘Punishment and Reward in Beneficial Tales (or Divine Justice in Doubt)’
- Arkady Avodokhin (Oxford): ‘Tough Justice from Above: Avenging Saints in Late-Antique Miracle Collections and Inscribed Artefacts’

**12.45-14:00 LUNCH:** Rutherford Dining Hall (self-service)

**Meeting of TTB editorial board:** Templeman seminar room 1; sandwich lunch)

**Meeting of SPBS Executive Committee:** Templeman seminar room 3; sandwich lunch)

**14:00-16:35 Session 5: Civil Law and Justice**

**Chair: Judith Herrin (KCL)**

- Peter Sarris (Cambridge): ‘Justinian and the “Temple of Justice”’
- Matthijs Wibier (Cincinnati) ONLINE: ‘New Thoughts on the Law School in Beirut and the Justinianic Antecessores’
- Simon Corcoran (Newcastle): ‘Manumission and Freed-Persons in the Roman Legal tradition from Justinian I to Leo VI and beyond’
- Caroline Humfress (St Andrews) ONLINE: “Cosmas’ ‘Contract’: Constituted Living in Late Antiquity.”

**16:35-17:00 Coffee:** Templeman Foyer

**17:00-18:00 Communications IV**

**Chair: Judith Ryder (Oxford)**

- Arie Neuhauser (Chicago): ‘Standards of Just Conduct in Eleventh-Century Civil Wars’
- James Cogbill (Oxford): ‘The Late Byzantine Aristocracy as Upholders of Justice in Fourteenth-Century Historiography’
- Nikolas Hächler (Zurich): ‘Ordering the State: Observations on Notions of Justice for the Organization of the Early Byzantine Empire in the *Dialogus de Scientia Politica*’

**18:00-19:00 Drinks’ Reception:** Darwin Conference Suite

**19:00-22:00 Conference Feast:** Darwin Suite [OPTIONAL]

**MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**7:45-9:30 Breakfast**

**9:00-9.30 Arrival coffee:** Templeman Foyer

**9:30-10:30 Communications V**

**Chair: Anne Alwis (Kent)**

- Paolo Angelini (Italian Ministero dell’Interno): ‘Byzantine Criminal Law: Concepts, Influence and Reception in the Slavic World’
- Ziyao Zhu (King’s College, London): ‘A Less Successful Endeavour to Define Terminology: The Dispute over the Appropriation of the Church’s Assets under Alexios I Komnenos’
- Luke Lavan (Kent): ‘Reconstructing the Late-Antique Law Court: Evidence Clusters and Evidence Gaps’

**10:30-10.45 Coffee:** Templeman Foyer

**10:45-12:30 Session 6: Divine Justice**

**Chair: Dunstan Lowe (Kent)**

- Maroula Perisanidi (Leeds): ‘Voices of Divine Justice: Exploring Disability, Speech, and Speechlessness in Byzantium’

- Dan Reynolds (Birmingham): ‘By the Rivers of Babylon: Retribution and Divine Justice in Strategios of Mar Sabas’ Capture of Jerusalem (614)’
- Shaun Tougher (Cardiff): ‘God and the Macedonians: Dynasty and Divine Justice’

### **Announcement of next year’s Symposium**

**12:45-14:00 SPBS AGM**

**15:00 Visit to the Archives of Canterbury Cathedral [OPTIONAL];** meet outside the entrance to the Cathedral