

DOMESTICATING ENSLAVEMENT THROUGH GROUP DISCRIMINATION

Mediterranean Systems of Enslavement from Antiquity to the Middle Ages

OXFORD | OCTOBER 3-4, 2025

NEW COLLEGE, MCGREGOR-MATTHEWS ROOM

FIRST SESSION

Friday, October 3rd, 9:30 am-1 pm

9:30 am Matthew Hewitt (Turin Humanities
Programme) Identifying the Enslaved in Classical and
Hellenistic Greece: Paranoia and Practicality

10:30 am Coffee break, South Undercroft, New
College Quad

11 am • Deborah Kamen (University of Washington) *Making and Recognizing Slave Bodies in Classical Athens*

12 noon • Mirko Canevaro (University of Edinburgh) Honour Denied: Rights, Humanity, and the Legal Domestication of Slavery in Classical Athens

SECOND SESSION

Friday, October 3rd, 3 pm-6:30 pm

3 pm Bianca Mazzinghi Gori (Turin Humanities
Programme) Infantilising Enslaved and Foreign
People(s) in Ancient Greece (and beyond)
4 pm Tea break, South Undercroft, New College Quad
4:30 pm Nino Luraghi (University of Oxford)
Identifying the Enslaved in Ancient Sparta: Helots and their Masters, again

5:30 pm • David Lewis (University of Edinburgh) Slave-Naming in the Hellenistic Mediterranean: Perspectives from Parnassus and Carthage

THIRD SESSION

Saturday, October 4th, 9 am-1:30 pm

9:30 am • Ella Karev (Tel Aviv University) Ethnics and Pseudo-Ethnics: Enslavement and Privilege in Ptolemaic Egypt

10:30 am ■ Coffee break, South Undercroft, New College Quad

11 am • Laurie Venters (Turin Humanities Programme) *Oriental Stereotypes and Enslaved Labour in Roman Italy*

12 noon Sarah Levin-Richardson (University of Washington) *Ethnicity and Servile Emotional Labor in Roman Culture*

FOURTH SESSION

Saturday, October 4th, 3 pm-6:30 pm

3 pm • Myles Lavan (University of St Andrews)
Slavishness in the Roman Imaginary
4 pm • Tea break, South Undercroft, New College Quad
4:30 pm • Janel Fontaine (National Museums of
Scotland) 'Invisible' Archaeology? Investigating Slave
Trading as a Link between Scotland and the
Mediterranean in the 6th Century

5:30 pm ■ Antti Lampinen (University of Turku) *Unfreedom and Ethnography in the* Cosmographia Aethici Istriotae (*early 8th c. CE*)







