Homer, *Iliad*: Style, Speech and Character.

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Weeks 1-8, Friday 11am in the Examination Schools

These lectures are intended primarily for those taking the *Iliad* paper in Mods, though others are of course welcome. They will consider major episodes, particularly in books 1, 9, 16, 22 and 24, showing some of the subtlety and sophistication of Homeric narrative and rhetorical technique. Handouts will be provided, but it will be useful of people bring texts.

The rough sequence will be:
1. Introductory, definitions, the Homeric question.
3. Aspects of narrative, including battles.
4-5. Book 9: the main problems and modern solutions.