

Philip, Athens, and Demosthenes (Weeks 1-4, HT 2024)

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This series of four lectures tracks the relationship between Athens and Philip II of Macedon between 359 and 336 BC (complementing the main eight lectures for the 403-336 period). **This lecture series is biennial, so you should attend if you are sitting Finals in 2024 or 2025.** The lectures are intended for Lit Hum, Classics joint schools, and AMH students taking this period paper, but all are welcome to attend.

I look at a broad range of evidence, but spend considerable time on the surviving political speeches of Demosthenes, especially 4 (*First Philippic*), 5 (*On the Peace*), and 9 (*Third Philippic*), which are set texts in Greek in the Lit Hum and Classics joint schools version of this paper. The lectures are organized roughly chronologically (**1**: 359-352; **2**: 352-348; **3**: 348-346; **4**: 346-336).

Questions are welcome (to guy.westwood@classics.ox.ac.uk at any time, or in person after the lectures). Please e-mail me to get a copy of the handout (available week by week) if you can't come to a particular lecture. Recordings will be available after the Faculty embargo period via the Panopto folder for paper 403/423, but attendance in person is strongly encouraged.

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