

COLLOQUIUM

*Early Ethiopian and Other Eastern  
Illuminated Gospel Books:  
Text and Image*

Saturday 5 November 2016

Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine  
Studies, 66 St Giles', Oxford OX1 3LU



*Introducing the Garima Gospels*

CHAIR: **Bryan Ward-Perkins** (Oxford)

10.00 Opening Remarks: **Judith McKenzie** (Oxford)

10.10 **James Howard-Johnston** (Oxford), *The India Trade and the Coming of Christianity to Ethiopia*

10.40 **Judith McKenzie**, *The Garima Illuminations: Architecture, Origins, and Meanings*

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11.30–11.50: Morning tea

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CHAIR: **Elizabeth Key Fowden** (Cambridge)

11.50 **Francis Watson** (Durham), *The Garima Canon Tables: Icons of Harmony*

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12.40–2.00: Lunch

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*Responses*

CHAIR: **Ida Toth** (Oxford)

2.00 **Jaś Elsner** (Oxford), *Reflections on the Garima Gospels in Response to the New Monograph*

2.40 **Michael Gervers** (Toronto), *Old Rock-Hewn Churches with Manuscripts and New Ones Without*

3.10 **Garth Fowden** (Cambridge), Response and Discussion

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3.30–3.50: Afternoon tea

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*Canon Tables in Other Eastern Gospel Books*

CHAIR: **Theo van Lint** (Oxford)

3.50 **David Taylor** (Oxford), *Syriac Canon Tables*

4.20 **Nikoloz Aleksidze** (Oxford), *Georgian Illuminated Gospels: 9th–14th Centuries*

4.50 **Emilio Bonfiglio** (Vienna), *Texts on the Meaning of Armenian Canon Table Frames*

5.20 Closing remarks: **Elizabeth Jeffreys** (Oxford)

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5.30: Refreshments

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Organised by Judith McKenzie, Miranda Williams, and Foteini Spingou ([foteini.spingou@classics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:foteini.spingou@classics.ox.ac.uk)). Sponsored by the Classics Faculty, the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research, and the ERC Advanced Project, *Monumental Art of the Christian and Early Islamic East*, directed by Judith McKenzie. The colloquium to mark the publication of *The Garima Gospels: Early Illuminated Gospel Books from Ethiopia*, by Judith McKenzie, Francis Watson *et al.*, with photographs by Michael Gervers, will be accompanied by an exhibition of all of the Garima illuminated pages in the Outreach Room (Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles', Oxford OX1 3LU), to run until 18 December. Hours: Monday-Friday 9–5 (on weekdays please phone 01865-288391 to check hours, due to teaching); Saturday and Sunday 11am to 3pm.