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Generals Reading List – Minor Field – Late Antique East

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**Weekly Readings:**

* *New Cambridge Ancient History*, vols. 13-14
* Johnson, Scott Fitzgerald (ed.). *The Oxford Handbook of Late Antiquity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012. [OHLA]
* Bowersock, G.W., Peter Brown, and Oleg Grabar (eds.). *Interpreting Late Antiquity: Essays on the Postclassical World*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 2001.
* Jones, A.H.M. *The Later Roman Empire, 284-602; A Social, Economic, and Administrative Survey*. Norman, 1964.

**Week 1: Background, Part I (January 27 – February 2)**

* Brown, Peter. *The World of Late Antiquity*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 1971.
* Cameron, Averil. *The Later Roman Empire, AD 284-430*. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1993.
* Cameron, Averil. *The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity, 395-700 AD*. Milton Park, New York, 2011.
* Chadwick, Henry. *The Early Church*. London, 1967.
* Brown, Peter. *The Rise of Western Christendom: Triumph and Diversity, 200-1000 AD*. Chichester, West Sussex; Malden, MA: Wiley-Blackwell, 2013.

**Week 2: Background, Part II (February 3-9)**

* Sarris, Peter. *Empires of Faith: The Fall of Rome to the Rise of Islam: 500-700*. Oxford/New York, 2011.
* Wickham, Chris. *The Inheritance of Rome: A History of Europe from 400 to 1000*. London/New York, 2009.
* Mitchell, Stephen. *A History of the Later Roman Empire, AD 284-641*. Chichester: Wiley Blackwell, 2015. [Skim]
* Boin, Douglas. *A Social and Cultural History of Late Antiquity*. Hoboken, NJ, 2018.
* Chadwick, Henry. *The Church in Ancient Society: From Galilee to Gregory the Great*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2003.

**Week 3: Third Century Crisis and the Transformation of Rome (February 10-16)**

* Ando, Clifford. *Imperial Rome AD 193 to 284: The Critical Century*. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2012.
* Lenski, Noel. *Failure of Empire: Valens and the Roman State in the Fourth Century AD*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2003.
* Lenski, Noel. *Constantine and the Cities*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016.
* Barnes, Timothy D. *Constantine: Dynasty, Religion and Power in the Later Roman Empire*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2011.
* Boyarin, Daniel. *Border Lines: The Partition of Judaeo-Christianity*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006.
* Potter, David S. *The Roman Empire at Bay: AD 180-395*. London: Routledge, 2004.
* Fowden, Garth. *Before and After Muhammad: The First Millennium Refocused*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014.

**Week 4: Arianism and Monotheism (February 17-23)**

* Williams, Rowan. *Arius: Heresy and Tradition*. Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans, 2002.
* Gwynn, David. *The Eusebians: The Polemic of Athanasius of Alexandria and the Construction of the ‘Arian Controversy.’* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2006.
* Barnes, Michel and Daniel Williams. *Arianism after Arius: Essays on the Development of the Fourth Century Trinitarian Conflicts*. Edinburg: T&T Clark, 1993.
* Lapin, Hayim. *The Rabbinic Movement in Palestine: 100-400 CE*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
* Fowden, Garth. *Empire to Commonwealth: Consequences of Monotheism in Late Antiquity*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1993.

**Week 5: Egypt (February 24 – March 2)**

* Bagnall, Roger. *Egypt in Late Antiquity*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1996.
* Sarris, Peter. *Economy and Society in the Age of Justinian*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006.
* Banaji, Jairus. *Agrarian Change in Late Antiquity: Gold, Labour, and Aristocratic Dominance*. 2nd edn. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007.
* Brown, Peter. *Treasure in Heaven: The Holy Poor in Early Christianity*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2016.

**Week 6: Theodosius II; Chalcedon and After (March 3-9)**

* Millar, Fergus. *A Greek Roman Empire: Power and Belief under Theodosius II (408-450)*. Berkeley: University of California, 2006.
* Kelly, Christopher (ed.). *Theodosius II: Rethinking the Roman Empire in Late Antiquity*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2013.
* Menze, Volker-Lorenz. *Justinian and the Making of the Syrian Orthodox Church*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2008.
* Gray, Patrick. “The Legacy of Chalcedon.” In *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Justinian*, edited by M. Maas.
* Rompay, Lucas van. “Society and Community in the Christian East.” In *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Justinian*, edited by M. Maas.
* Meyendorff, John. *Imperial Unity and Christian Division: The Church, 450-680 AD*. Crestwood, NY, 1989.
* Tannous, Jack. *The Making of the Medieval Middle East: Religion, Society, and Simple Believers*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2017. (Parts 1 and 2)

**Week 7: Justinian to Heraclius (and the Seventh Century) (March 10-16)**

* Maas, Michael (ed.). *The Cambridge Companion to the Age of Justinian*. Cambridge, 2006.
* Kaldellis, Anthony. Introduction to *Prokopios:* The Secret History *with Related Texts*. Indianapolis/Cambridge, 2010.
* Kaegi, Walter. *Heraclius: Emperor of Byzantium*. Cambridge, 2003.
* Whittow, Mark. *The Making of Byzantium, 600-1025*. Berkeley/Los Angeles, 1996. Chapter 1-4.
* Haldon, John. *The Empire That Would Not Die: The Paradox of Eastern Roman Survival, 640-740*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2016.
* McCormick, Michael. *Eternal Victory: Triumphal Rulership in Late Antiquity, Byzantium and the Early Medieval West*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1990.
* Kelly, Christopher. *Ruling the Later Roman Empire*. Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press, 2006.

**Week 8: The Arabs (March 17-23)**

* Conrad, Lawrence. “The Arabs.” In *The New Cambridge Ancient History*, vol. 14, edited by Averil Camerson et al., 678-700.
* Hoyland, Robert G. *Arabia and the Arabs: From the Bronze Age to the Coming of Islam*. London, Routledge, 2001.
* Fisher, Gregor. *Between Empires: Arabs, Romans, and Sasanians in Late Antiquity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.
* Sahner, Christian C. “From Augustine to Islam: Translation and History in the Arabic Orosius.” *Speculum* 88 (2013): 905-931.

**Week 9: Muhammad (March 24-30)**

* Cook, Michael. *Muhammad*. Oxford/New York, 1983.
* Hoyland, Robert. “Writing the Biography of the Prophet Muhammad: Problems and Solutions.” *History Compass* 5 (2007): 1-22.
* Shoemaker, Stephen. “Muhammad and the Qur’an.” In OHLA.
* Crone, Patricia. “What Do We Actually Know About Muhammad?” <https://www.opendemocracy.net/faith-europe_islam/mohammed_3866.jsp>
* Madelung, Wilferd. *The Succession to Muḥammad: A Study of the Early Caliphate*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997.

**Week 10: The Qur’an and Early Islam (March 31 – April 6)**

* Donner, Fred. *Muhammad and the Believers: At the Origins of Islam*. Cambridge, MA, 2010.
	+ Alongside (read alongside this review by Patricia Crone: <https://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-news-and-politics/42023/among-the-believers>)
* Donner, Fred. *The Early Islamic Conquests*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1981.
* Hoyland, Robert. “Early Islam as a Late Antique Religion.” In OHLA.
* Kennedy, Hugh. In *Late Antiquity: A Guide to the Postclassical World*, edited by Bowersock, Brown and Grabar, 219-237.
* Robinson, Neal. *Discovering the Qur’an: A Contemporary Approach to a Veiled Text*. Washington, DC, 2003.
* Sinai, Nicolai. “The Qur’an.” In *Routledge Handbook on Early Islam*, edited by H . Berg. Abingdon/New York, 2017.
* Sinai, Nicolai. *The Qur’an: A Historical-Critical Introduction*. Edinburg, 2017.
* Schoeler, G. *The Oral and the Written in Early Islam*. New York, 2006.
* Crone, Patricia. *Meccan Trade and the Rise of Islam*. NJ: Gorgias Press, 1987.

**Week 11: The Arab Conquests/After the Conquests (April 7-13)**

* Donner, *Muhammad and the Believers*. Chapter 3.
* Kennedy, Hugh. *The Prophet and the Age of the Caliphates: The Islamic Near East from the Sixth to the Eleventh Century*. 2nd Ed. London: Routledge, 2004. Chapter 3.
* Sahner, Christian C. *Christian Martyrs under Islam: Religious Violence and the Making of the Muslim World*. Princeton, 2018.
* Weitz, Lev. *Between Christ and Caliph: Law, Marriage, and Christian Community in Early Islam*. Philadelphia, 2018.
* Tannous, *Making of the Medieval Middle East*. Parts 3 and 4.

**Week 12: Asceticism and Monasticism (April 14-20)**

* Chitty, Derwas. *The Desert a City: An Introduction to the Study of Egyptian and Palestinian Monasticism in the Christian Empire*. Oxford, 1966.
* Brown, Peter. *The Body and Society: Men, Women, and Sexual Renunciation in Early Christianity*. New York, 2008.
* Caner, Daniel. *Wandering, Begging Monks: Spiritual Authority and the Promotion of Monasticism in Late Antiquity*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2002.

**Week 13: Christian Leaders (April 21-27)**

* Brown, Peter. “The Rise and Function of the Holy Man in Late Antiquity.” *The Journal of Roman Studies* 61 (1971): 80-101.
* Brown, Peter. “The Saint as Exemplar in Late Antiquity.” *Representations* 2 (1983): 1-25.
* Brown, Peter. *Power and Persuasion in Late Antiquity: Toward a Christian Empire*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1992.
* Brown, Peter. *Poverty and Leadership in the Later Roman Empire*. Hanover, N.H., 2001.
* Brown, Peter. *Authority and the Sacred: Aspects of the Christianization of the Roman World*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995.
* Rapp, Claudia. *Holy Bishops in Late Antiquity: The Nature of Christian Leadership in an Age of Transition*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2005.