

## **Ancient History Sub-Faculty Seminar MT 2024: Comparative Religion in the Ancient World**

Week 1 (Tuesday, 15 Oct): Introduction (Graduates only)

Week 2 (Tuesday, 22 Oct) – Benedikt Eckhardt (Edinburgh): ‘Dare (not) to Compare? Private Associations and Religion in the Ancient Mediterranean World’

Week 3 (Tuesday, 29 Oct) - Karolina Sekita (Tel Aviv): ‘Did the Poet of the Iliad Really Not Know? Herakles' Ontological Status and the Dying Gods of the East’

Week 4 (Tuesday, 5 Nov) - Ian Rutherford (Reading): ‘Common patterns, origins and differences: some comparative strategies in the history of religion’

Week 5 (Tuesday, 12 Nov) - Yuhana Vevaina (Oxford): ‘The (Comparative) Challenge of Studying Iranian Late Antiquity’

Week 6 (Tuesday, 19 Nov) - Felix Budelmann and Saskia Peels-Matthey (Groningen): ‘Comparative perspectives on the theoxeny’

Week 7 (Tuesday, 26 Nov) – Jessica Rawson (Oxford): ‘China’s Multiple Religions, Balancing Buddhism, Daoism and Confucianism’

Week 8 (Tuesday, 3 Dec) – Supratik Baralay (Princeton): ‘Comparing Diasporas: Jews and Palmyrenes in the Arsacid Empire’