

## Ancient History – Methods and Approaches

Michaelmas term 2024/Hilary term 2025

Thursday, 2-3:30 pm (weeks 1, 3, 5, 7)

Ioannou Centre – Outreach room

This seminar aims to expose incoming graduate students to some of the specific ways of doing ancient history practiced within the faculty. Each session will be directed by a different member of the faculty and for each a modicum of readings is assigned in advance as a preparation for in-class discussion.

Michaelmas term

1<sup>st</sup> week: Nino Luraghi – New perspectives on race and enslavement in the ancient Mediterranean

Readings:

Choose two from the following:

B. Isaac, 'Racism: A Rationalization of Prejudice in Greece and Rome', in M. Eliav-Feldon, B. Isaac and J. Ziegler (eds.), *The Origins of Racism in the West* (Cambridge 2009), 32-56

N. MacSweeney, 'Race and Ethnicity', in D. E. McCoskey (ed.), *A Cultural History of Race in Antiquity*, volume 1 of *A Cultural History of Race* (London 2021), 103-118

C. Parmenter, "'But They Were a Race of Whites": Race and the Making of Ancient Slavery in the Anglophone World, 1785–1980', *Transactions of the American Philological Association* 154 (2024), 295-330

J. Skinner, 'Race, Environment, Culture', in D. E. McCoskey (ed.), *A Cultural History of Race in Antiquity*, volume 1 of *A Cultural History of Race* (London 2021), 33-47

[if you have trouble getting hold of any of the above, get in touch with the instructor, who can provide electronic versions]

3<sup>rd</sup> week: Rosalind Thomas – Greek history and social anthropology

Readings: P. Vidal-Naquet, 'The Black Hunter and the Origin of the Athenian *Ephebia*', in *The Black Hunter: Forms of Thought and Forms of Society in the Greek World* (Baltimore 1986), 106-128 [the article has been reprinted in several different venues]

S. Humphreys, *Anthropology and the Greeks* (London et al. 1978)

M. Mauss, *The Gift* (London 1954)

J. Ma, 'The return of the Black Hunter', *Cambridge Classical Journal* 54 (2008), 188–208.

5<sup>th</sup> week: Roel Konijnendijk – The hoplite and holistic theories of Archaic Greek history

Readings: Hilda Lorimer, 'The hoplite phalanx with special reference to the poems of Archilochus and Tyrtaeus', *ABSA* 42 (1947), 76-138

W.R. Connor, 'Early Greek land warfare as symbolic expression', *Past & Present* 119 (1988), 3-29

H. van Wees, 'Tyrants, oligarchs and citizen militias', in Chaniotis & Ducrey (eds.), *Army and Power in the Ancient World* (2002), 61-83 (mainly 73-8)

H. van Wees, 'Farmers and hoplites: models of historical development', in Kagan & Viggiano (eds.), *Men of Bronze: Hoplite Warfare in Ancient Greece* (2013), 222-255  
F. Echeverría, 'The "hoplite revolution" and the nature of hoplite warfare', in Heckel et al. (eds.), *A Companion to Greek Warfare* (2021), 75-97.  
(optional) R. Konijnendijk and F. Echeverría, 'Max Weber, the rise of the polis, and the "hoplite revolution" theory', *Journal of the History of Ideas* 84.1 (2023), 103-125

7<sup>th</sup> week: Katherine Backler – Women's History and Feminist Historiography

Readings: Joan Kelly-Gadol, 'Did women have a Renaissance?', originally published in 1979 and reprinted in various places including e.g. Joan Kelly, *Women, History & Theory: The Essays of Joan Kelly* (Chicago 1984), 19-50.  
Camilla Townsend, *Malintzin's Choices: An Indian Woman in the Conquest of Mexico* (Albuquerque 2006), 'Introduction', 1-10, and 'Appendix', 215-25  
Marisa J. Fuentes, *Dispossessed Lives: Enslaved Women, Violence, and the Archive* (Philadelphia 2016), 'Introduction', 1-12.  
Sadiya Hartman, *Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments: Intimate Histories of Social Upheaval* (London 2019), 'A Note on Method', xv-xvii.  
Rebecca Flemming, 2023, 'Biography, Women and Power', *Journal of Roman Studies* 113 (2023), 1-16.

Sessions during Hilary term will be directed by Aneurin Ellis Evans (1<sup>st</sup> week), Georgy Kantor (3<sup>rd</sup> week, tbc), Anna Clark (5<sup>th</sup> week) and Katherine Clarke (7<sup>th</sup> week). The precise schedule with assignments will be distributed at the beginning of 0<sup>th</sup> week of HT.

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