

Greek Core Lecture Series

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Wednesdays at 9.00am, Ioannou Lecture Theatre

Weeks 2-8

This series of lectures explores the set texts and culture of the Greek Core period from a number of directions. Three lectures focus on themes and generic concerns which are found across the works and are crucial for interpreting them; three lectures zoom into specific texts and focus on unexpected and less well trodden aspects of them, and a final lecture offers an overview of the scholarly debates and critical approaches surrounding the literary period.

The lectures are intended for all those taking the Greek Core paper, but those studying Greek Tragedy may also find them helpful, and those taking the Lyric paper may wish to come to the two lectures on that genre.

The sequence is as follows:

Week 2: Time

Week 3: *The Antigone*

Week 4: Rhetoric

Week 5: Gorgias *Encomium to Helen*

Week 6: Lyric

Week 7: Bacchylides 17 & 18

Week 8: Close Reading the Greek Core: Scholarship, Theory and Approaches

Questions are very welcome (afterwards, or by e-mail: emma.greensmith@classics.ox.ac.uk). The lectures are designed for in-person delivery – so whilst recordings of the lectures will be available after the Faculty embargo period via Panopto, **attendance in person is strongly encouraged**. Please e-mail me for a copy of the handout (which I shall distribute in the lectures) if you are unable to make a particular lecture.