

**Encounters with Athens, Rome and Jerusalem:
(Re)Visiting Sites of Textual Authority in the C19th and early C20th**
1-2 July 2013

Department of History, Classics and Archaeology, Birkbeck, University of London
and the Pears Institute for the study of Antisemitism
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This two-day inter-disciplinary international conference explores the diverse ways in which the cultural authority of Athens, Rome and Jerusalem has mediated the experience and identities of those places in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

PROGRAMME

Monday 1 July

10.30 – 11.00: Coffee and Registration

11.00 – 12.00: 'Early 19th Century Fascination with the High Seriousness of Rome'
Chloe Chard (Independent Scholar)

12.00 – 13.00: 'The End of the Grand Tour and the Birth of Literature: Some Notes
Towards a New Conception of Reality'

Donatien Grau (Université Paris-Sorbonne)

13.00 – 14.15: Lunch

14.15 – 15.15: 'Rubbish Heap' or 'Consecrated Ground': the Battles over Homer's
Troy, 1795-1915'

Rachel Bryant Davies (Independent Scholar)

15.15 – 16.15: 'The Real Experience of the Holy Land: Photography and its Place in
19th Century Encounters with Jerusalem'

Simon Goldhill (University of Cambridge)

16.15 – 16.45: Tea and Coffee

16.45 – 17.45: 'Decadence and Classicism in Fin-de-Siècle Rome'

Stefano Evangelista (University of Oxford)

Tuesday 2 July

10.30 – 11.30: "'The Last Arcadians": Classical Scholars Visiting Greece'

Constanze Güthenke (Princeton University)

11.30 – 12.30: 'Staging a Crusade: Class, Masculinity and Performance in Vivian
Gilbert's *The Romance of the Last Crusade: With Allenby to Jerusalem* (1923)

Eitan Bar-Yosef (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev)

12.30 – 13.30: Lunch

13.30 – 14.30: 'The Matter of Antiquity: Modernity, Empire, Politics and the
Rediscovery of Palestine circa 1920-39'

Billie Melman (Tel Aviv University)

14.30 – 15.30: 'Heidegger from Rome to Greece'

Katie Fleming (Queen Mary, University of London)

15.30 – 16.00: Tea and Coffee

16.00 – 17.30: Round-table discussion

Bryan Cheyette (University of Reading), Hilary Fraser (Birkbeck, University of
London) and Miriam Leonard (University College London)

Registration required:

Delegate fee - £50.00

Birkbeck staff - £25.00

Student concession - £15.00

Register your place

Conference organisers: Catharine Edwards (Professor of Classics & Ancient History) and David Feldman (Director of the Pears Institute for the study of Antisemitism)

Location: Birkbeck, University of London, Clore Lecture Theatre, Clore Management Centre, Torrington Square, London WC1E 7JL