

# ANZAMEMS Reading Group

## Schedule and Readings, Semester 1, 2024

Tuesday 26

March

9am Perth  
12pm Melbourne  
2pm New Zealand

### 1. Astrology and Public Health

**Recommended reading:** Michelle Pfeffer, 'Astrology, plague, and prognostication in early modern England: A forgotten chapter in the history of public health', *Past & Present*, (2023), gtac044.

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Tuesday 23 April

1pm Perth  
3pm Melbourne  
5pm New Zealand

### 2. Byzantine Captivity

**Recommended reading:** Grigori Simeonov, 'In enemy hands: the Byzantine experience of captivity between the seventh and tenth centuries', *Early Medieval Europe*, 31/3 (2023), pp. 430–458.

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Tuesday 28 May

9am Perth  
11am Melbourne  
1pm New Zealand

### 3. Medieval Sheep

**Recommended reading:** Matilda Holmes, 'The 'Lamb of God' in the early Middle Ages: a zooarchaeological perspective', *Journal of Medieval History*, 49/5 (2023), pp. 701-710.

**Optional additional reading:** Christopher Dyer, 'A simple food with many meanings: bread in late medieval England', *Journal of Medieval History*, 49/5 (2023), pp. 231-50

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Tuesday 25 June

9am London  
4pm Perth  
6pm Melbourne  
8pm New Zealand

### 4. Globalised Networks in Van Dyck

**Recommended reading:** Ana Howie, 'Materializing the Global: Textiles, Color, and Race in a Genoese Portrait by Anthony van Dyck', *Renaissance Quarterly*, 76/2 (2023), pp. 589–644.

Each session will take a recent article or chapter related to a certain topic/methodological approach/trend in MEMS scholarship, and feature a short presentation from an ANZAMEMS member followed by group discussion.

All readings and any updates to the schedule will be shared through the reading group's Google Drive folder:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Qi0W8i-38w0Dgwia9jJ0aDCh5OEqjPRF?usp=sharing>.

Sessions will run for 1 hour on the fourth Tuesday of every month on Zoom via this link:

<https://auckland.zoom.us/j/91785708949?pwd=OTU4ci9oU2JGOWJCWnlMcTZQWEUzQT09>

or use Meeting ID: 917 8570 8949, and Password: ANZAMEMS.

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All ANZAMEMS members are welcome, especially postgraduates and ECRs. We look forward to discussing all things MEMS with you this semester!