

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.

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.

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.

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.

Tuesday 30 July

3pm Perth

5pm Melbourne

7pm New Zealand

5. Decolonisation, Race, and the Global Middle Ages

Recommended readings: Nora Berend, 'Interconnection and Separation: Medieval Perspectives on the Modern Problem of the "Global Middle Ages"', *Medieval Encounters*, 29 (2023), pp. 285–314

Plus, either:

Miranda Johnson, 'Decolonising Universities? Myth-Histories of the Nation and Challenges to Academic Freedom in Aotearoa New Zealand', *Transactions of the RHS*, 1 (2023), pp. 329–47; or

Angela Zhang, 'Rethinking "Domestic Enemies": Slavery and Race Formation in Late Medieval Florence', *Speculum*, 99/2 (2024), pp. 409–31

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.

We ask all those interested in joining to register for the Reading Group at <https://www.trybooking.com/CTPIZ>. This will add you to our mailing list. Please contact the convenors with any issues. Drop-ins are still welcome.

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-38w0Dgwia9jJ0aDCh5OEqjRF?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=OTU4ci9oU2JGOWJlMctZQWEUzQT09>

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

Please contact the convenors with any queries: Alexandra Forsyth (University of Auckland), afor784@aucklanduni.ac.nz, and Emily Chambers (Murdoch University), emily.chambers@murdoch.edu.au.

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