

ANZAMEMS Reading Group

Schedule and Readings, Semester 1 & 2, 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.

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

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.

27 August

9am Perth
11am Melbourne
1pm New Zealand

Early Modern Deafness and Preaching

Recommended Reading: Rosamund Oates, 'Speaking in Hands: Early Modern Preaching and Signed Languages for the Deaf', *Past&Present*, 256, 1, 2022, 49-85.

24 September

11am Perth
1pm Melbourne
3pm New Zealand

AI and History

Recommended Readings: Joshua Sternfeld, 'AI-as-Historian', *The American Historical Review*, 128, 3, 2023, 1372-1377. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/rhad368>

Lauren Tilton, 'Relating to Historical Sources', *The American Historical Review*, 128, 3, 2023, 1354-1359. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ahr/rhad365>

22 October

1pm Perth
3pm Melbourne
5pm NZ

Witch Trials and Emotions

Recommended Reading: Laura Kounine, "'Not a drop of tears, or any sweat from fear came from her": Interrogating Mind, Body, and Emotions in Early Modern German Witch Trials', *Journal of Medieval and Early Modern Studies* 54, 1, 2024, 113-135.

26 November

10am Perth
12 noon Melbourne
2pm NZ

Jesuits, Japan, and Gendered Knowledge

Recommended Reading: Luis Frois O'Leary, 'Gendered Knowledge, and the Jesuit Encounter with Sixteenth-Century Japan', *The Historical Journal*, 66, 3, 2023, 497-515.

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-38w0Dgwia9jJ0aDCh50EQjpRF?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.

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!