



## Talking Religion: discussing religious materiality

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017, 12:30-6pm

A half-day program of discussions on material culture and the study of religion in the ancient and late antique worlds run by [TORCH](#), the British Museum and Oxford based [Empires of Faith](#) project, and the student-run [Talking Religion](#) group based at Oxford University.

### TORCH Book at Lunchtime

Seminar Room, Radcliffe Humanities Building, Woodstock Road, OX2 6GG

12.30-1: Lunch

- 1-2: Discussion of *Images of Mithra*  
*Chair:* Jo Quinn  
*Panellists:* Richard Gordon, Peter Stewart
- 2-2.30: Coffee

For further details and **to confirm attendance** visit: <http://torch.ox.ac.uk/images-mithra>

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Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies 66, St. Giles', OX1 3LU

- 2.45-3: Introduction
- 3-4: Panel: **Man-made artefacts: from silverware to stucco**  
*Chair:* Prof. Richard Gordon, University of Erfurt
- 3-3.20: Dr Richard Hobbs, British Museum  
*'Silver for Senuna and other deities in Roman Britain'*
- 3.20-3.40: Agnieszka Lic, University of Oxford  
*'Religious views of Zoroastrians, Christians and Muslims materialized in stuccoes of late antique Mesopotamia'*
- 3.40-4: Discussion
- 4-4.30: Coffee
- 4.30-5.30: Panel: **Harnessing nature: water in religion and ritual**  
*Chair:* Professor Jaś Elsner, University of Oxford
- 4.30-4.50: Dr Eleanor Ghey, British Museum  
*'Fluid bodies: the role of water in Roman provincial religion'*
- 4.50-5.10: Eris Williams-Reed, University of Durham  
*'Ecological approaches to religious life: some cases from the Roman Near East'*
- 5.10-5.30: Discussion
- 5.30-6: Concluding remarks and general discussion  
*Chair:* Prof. Nicholas Purcell, University of Oxford
- 6: Drinks reception

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