

Apologists and Empire
Early Christian Literature in its Imperial Context

Wednesday 16th of December, 2020 (Day 1/3)

14:00–14:50 UTC

Introduction

Ben Kolbeck & James Corke-Webster (King's College London)

Introduction: Apologists and Empire

Eleni Bozia (University of Florida, speaker local time 09:20 [UTC –5]).

Christian Apologists and Lucian of Samosata: Re-examining Religious Awareness and Literary Convergences

-10 minute break-

15:00–16:00 UTC

Tertullian of Carthage

Susan Dunning (University of Oxford)

The Subversion of the Imperial Saeculum in Christian Apologetics of the Second and Third Centuries CE

Benjamin Haupt (Concordia Seminary, speaker local time 09:30 [UTC –6])

Tertullian's Apologetic Use of a Sophisticated Latin Literary Identity

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16:30–17:30 UTC

Clement of Alexandria

Jane Heath (Durham University)

Clement of Alexandria and the Shaping of Christian Literary Practice

Ed Creed (King's College London)

All the World's His Stage: The Divine Protagonist of Clement of Alexandria. Performance Soteriology and the Theatrum Mundi in the Protrepticus.

-10 minute break-

17:40–18:40 UTC

Christian Martyr Literature

Justin Yule (University of Toronto, speaker local time 12:40 [UTC –5])

Visions of Bodily Wonders: the Martyrium of Polycarp and the Sacred Tales of Aelius Aristides

David J. DeVore (Cal. Poly. Pomona, speaker local time 10:10 [UTC –8])

Apologetic Across Mediterranean Courts: The Martyrdoms of Hegesippus Between Jerusalem, Corinth, and Rome

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Thursday 17th of December, 2020 (Day 2/3)

13.15–14:45 UTC **Justin Martyr & Athenagoras**

Stuart R. Thomson (University of Oxford)

Philosopher-Kings and Roman Emperors: Greco-Roman Fissures in Justin Martyr & Athenagoras

Ben Kolbeck (King's College London)

Read it in Rome: Justin's Appeals to Roman Legal Documents

James Corke-Webster (King's College London)

An Apologist on Trials: Justin Martyr's Second Apology in Comparative Perspective

-30 minute break-

15:15–16:15 UTC **Keynote Address 1**

Laura Nasrallah (Yale Divinity School, speaker local time 10:15 [UTC -5])

Making Justice: Defixiones, Imperial Rescripts, and Christian Apologists

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Friday 18th of December 2020 (Day 3/3)

14:15–15:15 UTC

Keynote Address 2

Tim Whitmarsh (University of Cambridge)
The Apologists and the 'Personal Voice'

-15 minute break-

15:30–16:30 UTC

Fourth-Century Apology

Daniel Lemeni (West University of Timisoara, speaker local time 17:30 [UTC +2])
Philosophers, Monks and the anti-Pagan Apologetic Character of the Life of Anthony: Rethinking a Problematic Cultural Model

Adam Kemezis (University of Alberta, speaker local time 09:00 [UTC -7])
Eusebius as Reader of Philostratus and Hierocles: Apologetics, Interpretation and Authority

-30 minute break-

17:00–17:30 UTC

Concluding Discussion

All Attendees
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