The Dark Ages’ Dirty Secret? Medieval slavery from the British Isles to the Eurasian steppes and the Mediterranean world

Trinity Term 2015

A weekly seminar will be held on Tuesdays at 5 pm in the Khalili Research Centre, 3 St John’s Street

Week 1  28 April  Jeremy Johns (Oxford)
Eunuchs and slaves in the court of Norman Sicily

Week 2  5 May  Janel Fontaine (King’s College London)
The archaeology of slavery: comparing methods in the British Isles and Slavic East Central Europe

Week 3  12 May  David Wyatt (Cardiff)
An enslaved Irish princess in Norway - sagas, historiography and the traffic in women in the northern world c. 950-1200

Week 4  19 May  James Howard-Johnston (Oxford)
Trading in fur in the early middle ages

Week 5  26 May  Günter Prinzing (Mainz)
Slavery in Byzantium: the legal frame work, with some observations on life as lived by slaves c. 641-1204

Week 6  2 June  Ahmad Khan (Oxford)
Slavery in early Islamic law: a brief survey

Week 7  9 June  Marie Favereau and Irina Shingiray (Oxford)
The captive, the currency, and the gift in the Khazar and Golden Horde empires

Week 8  16 June  Andrew Roach (Glasgow)
The dynamics of the drug trade: a template for medieval slavery?