

## Early Ethiopian and Other Eastern Illuminated Gospel Books (Oxford, 5 Nov 16)

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Early Ethiopian and Other Eastern Illuminated Gospel Books:  
Text and Image  
Colloquium

Introducing the Garima Gospels  
CHAIR: Bryan Ward-Perkins (Oxford)

10.00  
Opening Remarks: Judith McKenzie (Oxford)

10.10  
James Howard-Johnston (Oxford), The India Trade and the Coming of Christianity to Ethiopia

10.40  
Judith McKenzie, The Garima Illuminations: Architecture, Origins, and Meanings

11.30–11.50: Morning tea

CHAIR: Elizabeth Key Fowden (Cambridge)

11.50  
Francis Watson (Durham), The Garima Canon Tables: Icons of Harmony

12.40–2.00: Lunch

Responses  
CHAIR: Neil McLynn (Oxford)

2.00  
Jas Elsner (Oxford), Reflections on the Garima Gospels in Response to the New Monograph

2.40  
Michael Gervers (Toronto), Old Rock-Hewn Churches with Manuscripts and New Ones Without

3.10

Garth Fowden (Cambridge), Response and Discussion

3.30–3.50: Afternoon tea

Canon Tables in Other Eastern Gospel Books

CHAIR: Theo van Lint (Oxford)

3.50

David Taylor (Oxford), Syriac Canon Tables

4.20

Nikoloz Aleksidze (Oxford), Georgian Illuminated Gospels: 9th–14th Centuries

4.50

Emilio Bonfiglio (Vienna), Texts on the Meaning of Armenian Canon Table Frames

5.20

Closing remarks: Elizabeth Jeffreys (Oxford)

5.30: Refreshments

Attendance and refreshments, including lunch, are free, but please book a place by emailing: [foteini.spingou@classics.ox.ac.uk](mailto:foteini.spingou@classics.ox.ac.uk)

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The colloquium to mark the publication of *The Garima Gospels: Early Illuminated Gospel Books from Ethiopia*, by Judith McKenzie, Francis Watson et al., with photographs by Michael Gervers, will be accompanied by an exhibition of all of the Garima illuminated pages in the Outreach Room (Ioannou Centre, 66 St Giles'), to run until the end of Michaelmas term (2 December).

Reference:

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