

Philo Workshop

Oriel College
19 February 2026
8:45am–6:00pm

Arjen Bakker, Cambridge

Cosmic Boundaries: Philo's Hellenistic and
Jewish Thinking about Time

Max Benster, Oxford

Anthropology and Cosmology in Philo's *De Opificio Mundi*

Katell Berthelot, Aix-Marseille University

The Roman Background of Philo's Description
of the Essenes in the *Probus*

Joseph Harrison, Oxford

Philo and the City

Hindy Najman, Oxford

The Place of Law in Creation in *De Opificio Mundi*

Maren Niehoff, Hebrew University

The Essenes in Philo's Treatise *Every Good Man
is Free*: A New Perspective

Sarah Pearce, University of Southampton

Philo's *De Decalogo*

Meron Piotrkowski, Oxford

Philo in Oxyrhynchus



Schedule

(All lectures to be held at Oriel College in the Harris Seminar Room)

- 08:45–09:00: Coffee in HSR
- 09:00–09:15: Opening remarks from Hindy Najman
- 09:15–10:00: Sarah Pearce: Philo's *De Decalogo*
- 10:00–10:45: Arjen Bakker: Cosmic Boundaries: Philo's Hellenistic and Jewish Thinking about Time
- 10:45–11:00: Break
- 11:00–11:45: Katell Berthelot: The Roman Background of Philo's Description of the Essenes in the *Probus*
- 11:45–12:30: Meron Piotrkowski: Philo in Oxyrhynchus
- 12:30–14:15: Lunch (in the HSR)
- 14:15–15:00: Hindy Najman: The Place of Law in Creation in *De Opificio Mundi*
- 15:00–15:45: Max Benster: Anthropology and Cosmology in Philo's *De Opificio Mundi*
- 15:45–16:30: Joseph Harrison: Philo and the City
- 16:30–16:45: Break
- 16:45–17:30: Maren Niehoff: The Essenes in Philo's Treatise *Every Good Man is Free: A New Perspective*
- 17:30–17:45: Closing remarks from Sarah Pearce

