



AHIS321

From Constantine to Justinian: Church and State in Late Antiquity

S1 External 2018

Dept of Ancient History

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General Information

Unit convenor and teaching staff
Credit points 3
Prerequisites 39cp at 100 level or above or (6cp in AHIS or AHST units at 200 level)
Corequisites
Co-badged status
Unit description The age of Constantine was a watershed in European history; this unit traces developments in politics, religion and literature from the fourth to the mid-sixth centuries in the Eastern and Western empires. Major themes include: historiography; church/state relations; and the role of women in society. The unit also provides an introduction to study in Medieval and Byzantine history.

Important Academic Dates

Information about important academic dates including deadlines for withdrawing from units are available at <https://www.mq.edu.au/study/calendar-of-dates>

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of this unit, you will be able to:

Analyse and express your judgement about the history of church and state in late antiquity in oral and written form at an advanced undergraduate level.

Interpret written and archaeological evidence with appreciation and understanding of their context and modern interpretations of them with a greater emphasis on analysis than description.

Work with and respond to the views of staff and other students in the unit in both oral and written form.

Plan, revise and submit written work according to schedule.

Draw together and judge pre-selected and self-located evidence to provide an analysis of an important aspect of the history of church and state in late antiquity at an advanced undergraduate level.

Demonstrate both specific and overall knowledge of church and state in late antiquity

under exam conditions at a mature undergraduate level.

General Assessment Information

Criteria and Standards for Grading

Please see the statement of full criteria and standards for grading against which individual assessment tasks will be judged on the unit's iLearn web page.

Submission Method for Assessment Tasks

For internal students, tutorial papers must be submitted in the tutorial for the week in which it relates. For example, if you are submitting the tutorial paper for week 5, it must be submitted to your tutor in the tutorial for week 5. Tutorial papers will not be accepted at any other time and will not be accepted via turn-it-in. All tutorial papers submitted in tutorials must include a signed essay submission cover. These may be generated at the following link:

http://www.arts.mq.edu.au/current_students/undergraduate/coversheet

Papers submitted through turn-it-in by internal students will not be accepted. External students are required to submit tutorial papers through turn-it-in on the unit's iLearn web site by 5pm, Friday of the week to which the tutorial paper relates. No papers will be accepted after 5pm, Friday of the relevant week.

Referencing requirements for written work

Tutorial papers must be referenced in accordance with the full version of the Essay Presentation Guide available on the Department of Ancient History website.

Tutorial papers must also include a bibliography. Footnotes/endnotes should only include references to texts, books, articles, etc. They should not include discussion. Footnotes/endnotes and bibliographies do not count towards the word limit.

Successful Completion of the Unit

In order to successfully complete the unit, candidates must attempt all items of assessment and achieve an overall mark of 50% or above.

Extensions and Late Submission of Assessment Tasks

Extensions can only be granted in exceptional cases and may only be sought after consultation with the unit convenor and before the assignment is due.

As noted above, for internal students tutorial papers may only be submitted in the tutorial to which they relate. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, papers will not be accepted after the tutorial to which they relate. For external students, papers must be submitted through turn-it-in on the unit's iLearn web site by 5pm on the Friday of the week relevant to that tutorial topic. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, papers will not be accepted after 5pm, Friday.

For Disruption of Studies Policy see under Policies and Procedures.

Assessment Tasks

Name	Weighting	Hurdle	Due
Tutorial/Discussion Paper	20%	No	By week 7
Participation	20%	No	Ongoing
Major Essay	30%	No	5pm, 10 June 2018
Quizzes	30%	No	Ongoing

Tutorial/Discussion Paper

Due: **By week 7**

Weighting: **20%**

One tutorial paper of 1,000 words based on the questions from your choice of one of the tutorial/discussion topics in the first half of the semester. The paper must be submitted via turn-it-in by 5pm Friday in the relevant week.

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Participation

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **20%**

External student contributions to online discussions on a weekly basis are assessed on the basis of contributions throughout the semester.

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Major Essay

Due: **5pm, 10 June 2018**

Weighting: **30%**

An overall interpretative research essay based on the material covered for the whole semester. The question is as follows:

What are the important features of the relationship between Church and State from the fourth to the sixth centuries AD? How did the relationship between Church and State change during this period?

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Quizzes

Due: **Ongoing**

Weighting: **30%**

Online quizzes based on the material covered in the weekly lecture recordings.

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Delivery and Resources

Staff Contact details

The Lecturer and Tutor for 2018 is Dr Peter Edwell. (e-mail address: peter.edwell@mq.edu.au).

Required Unit Materials

There are no compulsory text-books in this unit. The material required for weekly tutorial questions and bibliographies are available in PDF on the unit's iLearn web page.

I would encourage you to purchase, only if possible, *The Later Roman Empire* by Averil Cameron and her follow-up book, *The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity*. The co-op bookshop may have some copies available. Both books should be available via Amazon.com and you can often get a decent (and much cheaper) copy via www.abebooks.com. These books are quite handy to read as the unit progresses but I have stopped prescribing them because they were becoming too expensive via the Co-op bookshop. If you wish to continue your studies in Late Antiquity you will also find them useful.

Important dates

Semester Commences: Monday, 26 February

Semester Break: Monday, 16 April to Friday, 27 April

Semester recommences: Monday, 30 April to Friday, 8 June

* Please note: It is very important to listen to the lectures online on a regular basis because the online quizzes (which are worth a combined total of 30% of your mark) are based directly on material from the recorded lectures.

Technology Used

This unit has a significant online presence. Students are required to have regular access to a computer and the internet. Mobile devices alone are not sufficient.

The lectures for this unit will be recorded only and will be available via the Echo 360 system attached to the ilearn website. Some readings for the unit will be available on e-Reserve and iLearn; other digital resources may be placed on the iLearn site.

Unit Schedule

Week 1 Monday, 26 February

Lecture: General introduction to unit and the third century background

Tutorial/Discussion: Introductory discussions only in first week

Week 2 Monday, 5 March

Lecture: The Tetrarchy and the Rise to Power of Constantine.

Tutorial/Discussion: Eusebius and the Great Persecution

Week 3 Monday, 12 March

Lecture: Constantine as Sole Emperor: AD 324-337

Tutorial/Discussion: Eusebius and Lactantius: The Conversion of Constantine

Week 4 Monday, 19 March

Lecture: The Sons of Constantine: Constantius II, Constantine II and Constans

Tutorial/Discussion: Athanasius, *History of the Arians*

Week 5 Monday, 26 March

NB: The Friday of this week is Good Friday so no internal tutorials will take place. Online discussions for this week will still take place.

Lecture: The Emperor Julian

Historiography and Ammianus Marcellinus (Professor Alanna Nobbs)

Tutorial/Discussion: Themistius

Week 6 Monday, 2 April

Lecture: "Romanitas" and the Barbarians (Associate Professor Andrew Gillett)
The Late Roman Army

Tutorial/Discussion: Sources on the death of Julian

Week 7 Monday, 9 April

Lecture: From Valentinian to Theodosius I

Tutorial/Discussion: Ammianus Marcellinus on the Battle of Adrianople

Mid-semester break: 16 April to 27 April

Week 8 Monday, 30 April

Lecture: Church/State relations in the fifth century

Tutorial/Discussion: Symmachus & Ambrose: The debate on the altar of victory

Week 9 Monday, 7 May

Lecture: Rome and the church outside the Empire

Tutorial/Discussion: Codex Theodosianus

Week 10 Monday, 14 May

Lecture: The Development of Monasticism in Late Antiquity

Tutorial/Discussion: Theodoret's *Life of Simeon Stylites*

Week 11 Monday, 21 May

Lecture: The Emperor Justinian

Tutorial/Discussion: Pseudo-Joshua the Stylite

Week 12 Monday, 28 May

Lecture: Empresses, Church and State

Tutorial/Discussion: Procopius & Malalas: The Nika Riots and Theodora

Week 13 Monday, 4 June

Lecture: Unit Summary

Tutorial/Discussion: **No tutorials or discussions**

Learning and Teaching Activities

Two x 1 hour lectures

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Online discussions

Discussions are run on a weekly basis. Discussion questions are the same as internal tutorial questions.

Written assessment

An essay of 2,000 words due by 5pm, 10 June 2018. The question is as follows: What are the important features of the relationship between Church and State from the fourth to the sixth centuries AD? How did the relationship between Church and State change during this period?

Online quizzes

Online quizzes based on the material covered in the weekly lecture recordings.

Policies and Procedures

Macquarie University policies and procedures are accessible from [Policy Central \(https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central\)](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central). Students should be aware of the following policies in particular with regard to Learning and Teaching:

- [Academic Appeals Policy](#)
- [Academic Integrity Policy](#)
- [Academic Progression Policy](#)
- [Assessment Policy](#)
- [Fitness to Practice Procedure](#)
- [Grade Appeal Policy](#)
- [Complaint Management Procedure for Students and Members of the Public](#)
- [Special Consideration Policy](#) (**Note:** *The Special Consideration Policy is effective from 4 December 2017 and replaces the Disruption to Studies Policy.*)

Undergraduate students seeking more policy resources can visit the [Student Policy Gateway \(https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway\)](https://students.mq.edu.au/support/study/student-policy-gateway). It is your one-stop-shop for the key policies you need to know about throughout your undergraduate student journey.

If you would like to see all the policies relevant to Learning and Teaching visit [Policy Central \(http](#)

[s://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central](https://staff.mq.edu.au/work/strategy-planning-and-governance/university-policies-and-procedures/policy-central)).

Student Code of Conduct

Macquarie University students have a responsibility to be familiar with the Student Code of Conduct: <https://students.mq.edu.au/study/getting-started/student-conduct>

Results

Results shown in *iLearn*, or released directly by your Unit Convenor, are not confirmed as they are subject to final approval by the University. Once approved, final results will be sent to your student email address and will be made available in [eStudent](#). For more information visit [ask.mq.edu.au](#).

Student Support

Macquarie University provides a range of support services for students. For details, visit <http://students.mq.edu.au/support/>

Learning Skills

Learning Skills (mq.edu.au/learningskills) provides academic writing resources and study strategies to improve your marks and take control of your study.

- [Workshops](#)
- [StudyWise](#)
- [Academic Integrity Module for Students](#)
- [Ask a Learning Adviser](#)

Student Services and Support

Students with a disability are encouraged to contact the [Disability Service](#) who can provide appropriate help with any issues that arise during their studies.

Student Enquiries

For all student enquiries, visit Student Connect at ask.mq.edu.au

IT Help

For help with University computer systems and technology, visit http://www.mq.edu.au/about_us/offices_and_units/information_technology/help/.

When using the University's IT, you must adhere to the [Acceptable Use of IT Resources Policy](#). The policy applies to all who connect to the MQ network including students.

Graduate Capabilities

Creative and Innovative

Our graduates will also be capable of creative thinking and of creating knowledge. They will be

imaginative and open to experience and capable of innovation at work and in the community. We want them to be engaged in applying their critical, creative thinking.

This graduate capability is supported by:

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Capable of Professional and Personal Judgement and Initiative

We want our graduates to have emotional intelligence and sound interpersonal skills and to demonstrate discernment and common sense in their professional and personal judgement. They will exercise initiative as needed. They will be capable of risk assessment, and be able to handle ambiguity and complexity, enabling them to be adaptable in diverse and changing environments.

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Commitment to Continuous Learning

Our graduates will have enquiring minds and a literate curiosity which will lead them to pursue knowledge for its own sake. They will continue to pursue learning in their careers and as they participate in the world. They will be capable of reflecting on their experiences and relationships with others and the environment, learning from them, and growing - personally, professionally and socially.

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Discipline Specific Knowledge and Skills

Our graduates will take with them the intellectual development, depth and breadth of knowledge, scholarly understanding, and specific subject content in their chosen fields to make them competent and confident in their subject or profession. They will be able to demonstrate, where relevant, professional technical competence and meet professional standards. They will be able to articulate the structure of knowledge of their discipline, be able to adapt discipline-specific knowledge to novel situations, and be able to contribute from their discipline to inter-disciplinary solutions to problems.

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Critical, Analytical and Integrative Thinking

We want our graduates to be capable of reasoning, questioning and analysing, and to integrate and synthesise learning and knowledge from a range of sources and environments; to be able to critique constraints, assumptions and limitations; to be able to think independently and systemically in relation to scholarly activity, in the workplace, and in the world. We want them to have a level of scientific and information technology literacy.

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Problem Solving and Research Capability

Our graduates should be capable of researching; of analysing, and interpreting and assessing data and information in various forms; of drawing connections across fields of knowledge; and they should be able to relate their knowledge to complex situations at work or in the world, in

order to diagnose and solve problems. We want them to have the confidence to take the initiative in doing so, within an awareness of their own limitations.

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Effective Communication

We want to develop in our students the ability to communicate and convey their views in forms effective with different audiences. We want our graduates to take with them the capability to

read, listen, question, gather and evaluate information resources in a variety of formats, assess, write clearly, speak effectively, and to use visual communication and communication technologies as appropriate.

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Engaged and Ethical Local and Global citizens

As local citizens our graduates will be aware of indigenous perspectives and of the nation's historical context. They will be engaged with the challenges of contemporary society and with

knowledge and ideas. We want our graduates to have respect for diversity, to be open-minded, sensitive to others and inclusive, and to be open to other cultures and perspectives: they should have a level of cultural literacy. Our graduates should be aware of disadvantage and social justice, and be willing to participate to help create a wiser and better society.

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Socially and Environmentally Active and Responsible

We want our graduates to be aware of and have respect for self and others; to be able to work with others as a leader and a team player; to have a sense of connectedness with others and country; and to have a sense of mutual obligation. Our graduates should be informed and active participants in moving society towards sustainability.

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