Historical Tripos Part I, Paper 13

European History

31 BC–AD 900

SELECT READING LISTS

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A: The Roman Empire to the third century

_Augustus_

_Sources_


_General reading_


_Tacitus_


**IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT AND ADMINISTRATION**

Sources

General reading

**FROM THE ‘THIRD-CENTURY CRISIS’ TO THE TETRARCHS**

Sources

General reading


On the ‘third-century crisis’:


On Diocletian and the Tetrarchy:


For regional ‘crises’:


THE ROMAN ECONOMY

Sources


Reading


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**IMPERIAL CULT AND ROMAN RELIGION**

**Sources**


**Reading**


**Imperial cult**


GENDER AND SEXUALITY

Sources


General Reading


SLAVERY AND ROMAN SOCIETY

Sources


General Reading


**B: Late Antiquity**

**Overviews**


**Sources**


**FROM CONSTANTINE TO JULIAN**

**Sources**


**Constantine**


**Julian**


**Imperial government**


**THE CHRISTIANIZATION OF THE EMPIRE**

**Sources**


**Introductions**


Mark Vessey and Shelley Reid (eds.), *A companion to Augustine*, Blackwell companions to the ancient world (Chichester: Wiley-Blackwell, 2012).

**General reading**


Ramsay MacMullen, *Christianizing the Roman Empire: (AD 100-400)* (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1984). [esp. chs. 5–11]


‘*Pagan monotheism*’


--- ‘Were ancient heresies national or social movements in disguise?’, *Journal of Theological Studies* 10, 2 (1959), 280-98.


**Donatists**


**Christological controversies**


‘Priscillian and Priscillianism’


**Augustine and ‘Pelagianism’**


**THE EMERGENCE OF MONASTICISM**

**Sources**


Reading


TOWNS AND ECONOMIC CHANGE


C: The Early Middle Ages

Overviews


**BARBARIAN INVASION AND SETTLEMENT**

Sources


General reading


Early Middle Ages

(Portsmouth, RI: Journal of Roman Archaeology, 2001), pp. 233-7 [see also the debate which follows]


Further discussions:

Alan Cameron, Jacqueline Long and Lee Francis Sherry, *Barbarians and politics at the Court of Arcadius*, The transformation of the classical heritage 19 (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993). [esp. chs. 6 and 8]


*Relations between ‘Romans’ and ‘barbarians’*:


--- *Barbarian tides: the migration age and the later Roman Empire* The Middle Ages series (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2006). [ch. 6]


Thomas F. X. Noble, *From Roman provinces to Medieval kingdoms* Rewriting histories (New York: Routledge, 2006) [esp. chs. 9, 11 and 13]


VANDAL AFRICA

Sources

Early Middle Ages


General reading


OSTROGOTHIC ITALY

Sources


General reading

Sam Barnish and Federico Marazzi (eds.), *Ostrogoths from the Migration Period to the Sixth Century: Ethnographic Perspective* (Woodbridge: Boydell, 2007).


--- *Framing the early Middle Ages: Europe and the Mediterranean 400-800* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005). [chs. 1–4, 10–11 have sections on Italy]

**Theoderic**


**Cassiodorus**


Jordanes

VISIGOTHIC SPAIN
Sources

Introductions

Further reading
Peter Heather (ed.) *Visigoths from the migration period to the seventh century: an ethnographic perspective* (Woodbridge: Boydell, 1999).

The Muslim conquest of Visigothic Spain:
Francis X. Murphy, ‘Julian of Toledo and the Fall of the Visigothic Kingdom in Spain’, *Speculum* 27, 1 (1952), 1-27.

MEROVINGIAN GAUL AND THE FRANKS
Gregory of Tours, *Historia Francorum*, trans. Lewis Thorpe, in *History of the Franks*
Early Middle Ages


Introductions:
John Michael Wallace-Hadrill, The long-haired kings, and other studies in Frankish history Medieval Academy reprints for teaching 11 (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1982).

Further reading
Yitzhak Hen, Culture and religion in Merovingian Gaul, AD 481-751 Cultures, beliefs, and traditions 1 (Leiden: Brill, 1995).
Ralph W. Mathisen and Danuta Shanzer (eds.), Society and culture in late antique Gaul: revisiting the sources (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2001).

Clovis

Gregory of Tours
BYZANTIUM IN THE AGE OF JUSTINIAN

Sources


General reading


*Justinian*


*Legal reforms*


*Plague and the economy*


*The Nika riot*


*Procopius*


THE WORLD OF EARLY ISLAM

Sources


General reading


Muhammad and his legacy:


Source issues:


CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Sources
[Scattered in documents from neighbouring regions: make full use of the indices]


Reading


--- Southeastern Europe in the Middle Ages, 500-1250 Cambridge medieval textbooks (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2006).


Matthew Innes, ‘Review article: Franks and Slavs c. 700-1000: the problem of European expansion before the millennium’, Early Medieval Europe 6, 2 (1997), 201-16.


BYZANTIUM IN THE SEVENTH, EIGHTH AND NINTH CENTURIES

Sources


Introductions


*Byzantium and its neighbours*


*Iconoclasm*


Further issues:


THE CAROLINGIAN EMPIRE

Sources


*The emergence of the Carolingians*


*Expansion and warfare*


*Charlemagne*


Louis the Pious

The later Carolingians

Kingship, government and law

The ‘Carolingian renaissance’


Church and reform:


Sources

Russell A. McDonald and Angus A. Somerville (eds.), Viking Age: Reader (Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 2010).


Introductions:


Raiding and reaction:


--- ‘Frankish Tribute Payments to the Vikings and their Consequences’, Francia 26, 1 (1999), 57-75.


Peter Sawyer, Kings and Vikings, Scandinavia and Europe AD 700-1100 (New York: Methuen, 1982).


EARLY MEDIEVAL KINGSHIP


Anne Duggan, Kings and Kingship in Medieval Europe (London: King’s College, 1993).


EARLY MEDIEVAL QUEENSHIP
Anne Duggan, Queens and queenship in medieval Europe (Woodbridge: Boydell Press, 1996).
Theresa Earenfight, Queenship in medieval Europe Queenship and power (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).
Kenneth G. Holm, Theodosian empresses: women and imperial dominion in late antiquity, The transformation of the classical heritage 3 (Berkeley: University of California Press, 1982).
Liz James, Empresses and power in early Byzantium Women, power, and politics (London: Leicester University Press, 2001).

LAW AND LEGISLATION
--- Property and power in the early Middle Ages (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1995).
Alice Rio, Legal practice and the written word in the early middle ages: Frankish formulae, c. 500-1000 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2009).


**TOWNS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**


--- and Brian Hobley (eds.), *Rebirth of towns in the West, AD 700-1050: a review of current research into how, when, and why there was a rebirth of towns between 700 and 1050* (London: Council for British Archaeology, 1988).


--- *The rise of cities in north-west Europe* Themes in international urban history (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999).


--- *Framing the early Middle Ages: Europe and the Mediterranean 400-800* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005).

**MEN AND WOMEN IN THE EARLY MIDDLE AGES**
Sources

Reading

THE CHURCH
General
Rome and the papacy
Cristina La Rocca (ed.) Italy in the early Middle Ages: 476-1000 (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002). [ch. 5]

Missionary activity
John-Henry Clay, In the shadow of death: Saint Boniface and the conversion of Hessia, 721-54 (Cultural encounters in late antiquity and the Middle Ages 11 (Turnhout: Brepols, 2010).
The cult of saints

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