



**RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION AND THE STATE IN THE PRE-MODERN WORLD, 400 – 1300**

*Department of History, Sheffield: 14-16 April 2016*

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**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**5pm** Public Lecture: R.I. Moore: “Treasures in Heaven: Defining the Eurasian Old Regime?”

Chair: Charles West

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April**

**9.30-10am** Registration and coffee

**10-10.15am** Introduction – Charles West

**Session 1, 10.15am-12 noon. Exemption after Late Antiquity**

Chair/discussant: Naomi Standen

Antonello Palumbo – Exemption not granted: the confrontation between Buddhism and the Chinese state in Late Antiquity and the ‘First Great Divergence’ between China and Western Eurasia

Conrad Leyser – Clerical exemptions in the long fourth century

Uriel Simonsohn – Conversion, Manipulation, and Legal Exemption: A Few Case Studies from the Early Islamic Period

**Session 2, 1.30pm-2.45pm. East and West.**

Chair/discussant: Martial Staub

Andrew Wareham – Gifts of power: Hwiccan kings and their religious foundations

Dominic Goodall – Gifts of power: Khmer kings and their religious foundations

**Session 3, 3pm-4.30pm. Monastic exemptions**

Chair/discussant: Julia Hillner

Rutger Kramer – The Exemption that Proves the Rule: Alcuin, Theodulf and Charlemagne in Conflict (802)

Thomas Kohl – Forging immunities: religious exemption, justice, and territories in eleventh century in the medieval West

Kriston Rennie – Monastic Exemption: The Long Road to Protection

**Session 4, 5-6pm. Legal exemptions.**

Chair/discussion: tbc

Anne Duggan – Clerical exemption in the learned law from Gratian to the Decretals

Judith Green – Thomas Becket (TBC)

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Session 4, 9.30am-10.30am. States and exemptions.**

Chair/discussant: Julia McClure

Mario Poceski – The Sociopolitical Positioning of the Buddhist Sangha vs the Imperial State in Medieval China

Stuart Airlie – ‘The grim regalia of destruction’: points of tension between sacred and secular authority in Christian Europe c.400-c.1100

**Session 5, 11am-12 noon**

Roundtable