### **Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies**

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**Oxford Seminar in Advanced Jewish Studies** 

# THE RECEPTION OF JOSEPHUS IN THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD

Convenors: Joanna Weinberg and Martin Goodman

The Seminars will take place on Wednesdays (except in week 2\*) at 2.30-4pm in the Quarrell Room, Exeter College

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Title page of Casaubon's copy of Flavius Josephus' *Opera omnia*. British Library C.76.g.7.

# ALL WELCOME

Week 1, 22 January **Nigel Wilson** (Lincoln College, Oxford) *Observations on the <u>editio princeps</u> and some MSS* 

Week 2, MONDAY 27 January \*

Walter Stephens (Johns Hopkins Univ.) Pseudo-Biblical Interpretations of Josephus in Early Modern European Polemics

#### Week 3, 5 February

Meir Ben Shahar (Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem ) Josephus on Jaddus the High Priest and Alexander the Great – Fact or Fiction? Religion, Politics and Historiography in Late 17th Century England

Week 4, 12 February

**Tessa Rajak** (Somerville College, Oxford) Josephus as witness to the punishment of the Jews: the English translations from Thomas Lodge to Whiston and his contemporaries

Week 5, 19 February

Joanna Weinberg (Oriental Institute, Oxford) Josephus and Josippon in early modern Jewish historiography

Week 6, 26 February: NOTES SESSION Jan Machielsen (New College, Oxford) Jewish Entanglements: The Ancient Essenes and the Catholic Defence of Monasticism

Philipp Nothaft (The Warburg Institute) Josephus and New Testament chronology in the work of Scaliger

**Nigel Wilson** (Lincoln College, Oxford) *A supplementary note on the <u>editio princeps</u>* 

## Week 7, 5 March

**Theodor Dunkelgrün** (Cambridge) <u>Against Apion</u> and the problem of the Hebrew Canon in early modern biblical scholarship

Week 8, 12 March: NOTES SESSION

Piet van Boxel (Oxford)

Josephus' role in Bellarmine's polemical theology Joshua Teplitsky (St Peter's College, Oxford) Reading Josippon in eighteenth-century rabbinic

and popular culture **Peter Auger** (Exeter College) Josephus and Seventeenth-Century English Tragedy