

The Centre for the Study of Manuscript Cultures (CSMC)  
announces a Lecture

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## **The Monastery of Saint Catherine in the Sinai and its Palimpsests**

Founded by the Emperor Justinian in the sixth century, the Holy Monastery of Saint Catherine has been a destination for monks, pilgrims and other visitors from many regions of the Christian world. It is not only the oldest Christian monastery in continuous operation, but also a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for its extensive collection of icons and its extensive library holdings. Most of the manuscripts are in Greek, but also in 10 further languages of the Christian Orient.

After an overview of the history of the Monastery and its association with manuscript production and manuscript ownership, this lecture will focus on the significant number of palimpsests, many of which have been studied in the Sinai Palimpsests Project ([www.sinaipalimpsests.org](http://www.sinaipalimpsests.org)). It will present the working methods of the project and discuss the results which add new insights into the interaction between linguistic communities and cultural traditions in the Middle Ages.

**Thursday, 18 April 2019 at 6 pm**  
Room 0001, CSMC