

PUBLIC LECTURE

# Varieties of Monotheism in Late Antiquity

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*"Barberini Ivory" depicting emperor Justinian (Louvre, Paris)*

The reign of the emperor Constantine saw the emergence of Christianity as the dominant religious ideology of the later Roman Empire. This dramatic shift from the veneration of multiple gods to belief in a single God has often been understood to be a unique contribution of Judaeo-Christian monotheism. Yet, long before the fourth century CE, "pagan" intellectuals were already laying the groundwork for belief in a single source of all divine power. This talk will examine the development of various monotheistic traditions in the late antique period.

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*All are welcome to attend the lecture. Admission is free and open to the public.*



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