

Announcement to BSR staff and BSR Faculties – Appointment of Professor Chris Wickham as
BSR Director

The Council of the British School at Rome is pleased to announce that Professor Chris Wickham has been appointed as the BSR's next Director. He will hold this position until July 2021.

Professor Wickham is the Chichele Professor of Medieval History (Emeritus) and a fellow of All Souls College at the University of Oxford and a fellow of the British Academy. He is a former Head of the Humanities Division at the University of Oxford and also emeritus professor of Early Medieval History at the University of Birmingham. His research interests include Italian history to 1250, comparative European, Mediterranean and global medieval history, social history and archaeology.

Commenting on the appointment, Mark Getty, Chair of the BSR's Council said: "We are delighted to have Professor Wickham as our next Director. His significant academic and management experience, together with his extensive knowledge of Italy, will prove invaluable to the BSR in the next chapter in its history."

Professor Wickham also commented: "I have been close to the School for decades; I am thrilled by the prospect of helping it out by coming in for a short while as Director, and getting the projects of the School back up and running after the difficulties of the COVID year".

Professor Wickham will, as long as the health situation allows, come to Rome in the week of Monday 16th November for initial meetings with staff.

In the period prior to Professor Wickham's arrival in Rome the Council's Interim Management and Supervisory Committee will continue to manage the BSR, together with BSR staff, whose support and hard work this term has been greatly appreciated.

For and on behalf of the BSR Council

5th November, 2020