



ARCL0016
ROMAN BRITAIN:
HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY

Year 2/3/Grad Dip option, 15 credits

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1. Module Overview

Short Description

Roman Britain provides an excellent case study of the operation of Roman imperialism and its impact on local societies. In this module, we will pursue both historical and thematic perspectives on the cultural changes that occurred in the province through several hundred years of Roman influence and occupation. Topics covered include the military and social impact of the Roman army, the development of Romano-British towns, the mixing of religious ideas in provincial society, approaches to studying Roman material culture, and the interaction between archaeological and historical sources.

Week-by-week summary

Fri. 7th Oct.:

1. Module Introduction; sources for the study of Roman Britain (AG)
2. Late Iron Age societies in Britain (Isobel Thompson)

Fri. 14th Oct.:

3. The invasions of Britain (AG)
4. Advances and setbacks: from Aulus Plautius to Agricola (AG)

Fri. 21st Oct.:

5. Establishing frontiers in Roman Britain (AG)
6. Military life in early Roman Britain (AG)

Fri. 28th Oct.:

7. Towns in early Roman Britain (KL)
8. Villas and other developments in rural settlement (KL)

Fri. 4th Nov.:

9. Imperialism & culture change: the problems with 'Romanization' (AG)
10. Seminar: What comes after 'Romanization?' (AG/KL)

First assessment deadline: Thursday 10th November.

W/b 7th Nov. Reading Week

Fri. 18th Nov.:

11. The 3rd and 4th centuries: crisis and recovery (AG)
12. The Roman military in the 3rd and 4th centuries (AG)

Fri. 25th Nov.:

13. Approaches to the Romano-British economy (KL)
14. Coin loss and coin use in Roman Britain (KL)

Fri. 2nd Dec.:

15. The religions of Roman Britain (AG)

16. Burial in Roman Britain (KL)

Fri. 9th Dec.:

17. Late Roman urbanism in Britain (KL)

18. The late Roman countryside (KL)

Fri. 16th Dec.:

19. The archaeology of 'the end' (KL)

20. The 5th century and the Saxon 'adventus' (Stuart Brookes)

Second assessment deadline: Thursday 12th January

Aims

This module is concerned with the history and archaeology of Britain from the first century BC to the fifth century AD. In general terms the aim of the module is to give students who are interested in the Roman empire the chance to study a single province in depth and to familiarise themselves with the available evidence whether written (limited) or archaeological (relatively abundant). As such it should serve as a starting point for a study of other provinces of the empire by providing a base line for comparison and contrast. For students interested in the subsequent history of Britain, the module also provides the essential background to the arrival of Saxon settlers in England as well as to the introduction of Christianity which survived in areas beyond Saxon control.

Objectives

On successful completion of the module students should have:

1. an awareness of the broad outlines of the political and military history of the province from the later pre-Roman iron age to the collapse of direct Roman control in the fifth century AD
2. an understanding of the potential and limitations of written evidence, both the statements of contemporary writers and information provided by inscriptions
3. a knowledge of the ways in which archaeological data can be employed to complement the meagre textual material available and the dangers inherent in making the one 'fit' the other
4. a knowledge of the social and economic conditions obtaining in Britain before the Roman conquest and the extent to which these were subsequently altered and modified under Roman rule
5. an awareness of how archaeological theory is applicable to the period covered by the module

Since the material covered is easily accessible, students may, on completion, have identified possible subjects for third year undergraduate dissertations.

Learning Outcomes

On successful completion of the module students should have developed:

1. observation and critical reflection skills, in lectures and through consideration of readings
2. application of acquired knowledge, through oral contributions and written work
3. independent research skills, through preparation for essays and exams
4. written and oral presentation skills

Methods of Assessment

The module is assessed by means of:

- a) A site report review, 1,500 words in length (40%), due 10th Nov.
- b) A standard essay, 2,500 words in length (60 %), due 12th Jan.

If you are unclear about the nature of an assignment, you should discuss this with the module teacher, who is willing to discuss an outline of your approach to the assignment provided this is planned suitably in advance of the submission date.

Communications

Moodle is the main hub for this course. Important information will be posted by staff in the Announcements section of the Moodle page and you will automatically receive an email notification for these.

For any queries, please contact the co-ordinator by email.

Basic Texts

These books are helpful for introductory study and for revision, and contain sections relevant to most lectures on the module. The books by Mattingly and Millett are useful as 'textbooks' which can be used as companions to the whole module and which should be frequently referred to; you are advised to look at relevant sections of at least one of these works as part of your reading each week. Those by Frere, Salway and Todd are fairly comprehensive but now somewhat dated in approach. If you buy one book for the module, it should be David Mattingly's *An Imperial Possession*, available in paperback.

Bédoyère, G. de la. 1999. *Companion to Roman Britain*. Stroud: Tempus. [DAA 170 DEL].

Bédoyère, G. de la. 2006. *Roman Britain: a new history*. London: Thames and Hudson. [DAA 170 DEL].

Creighton, J. 2006. *Britannia: the creation of a Roman province*. London: Routledge. [DAA 170 CRE].

Frere, S.S. 1987. *Britannia: a history of Roman Britain*. London: Routledge (3rd edition). [DAA 170 FRE].

Hobbs, R. and Jackson, R. 2010. *Roman Britain*. London: B.M.P. [DAA 170 HOB].

Ireland, S. 2008. *Roman Britain: a sourcebook*. London: Routledge (3rd edition). [DAA 170 IRE; Issue Desk IOA IRE 1].

- James, S. and Millett, M. (eds.) 2001. *Britons and Romans: advancing the archaeological agenda*. York: Council for British Archaeology Research Report 125. [DAA Qto Series COU 125; available online at: http://archaeologydataservice.ac.uk/archives/view/cba_rr/rr125.cfm].
- Jones, B and Mattingly, D. 1990. *An Atlas of Roman Britain*. Oxford: Blackwell (Reprinted by Oxbow). [DAA 170 JON; <www>].
- Mattingly, D. 2006. *An Imperial Possession: Britain in the Roman Empire*. London: Penguin/Allen Lane. [Issue Desk IOA MAT 8; DAA 170 MAT; Ancient History: R30 MAT].
- Millett, M. 1990. *The Romanization of Britain: an essay in archaeological interpretation*. Cambridge: C.U.P. [DAA 170 MIL; Issue Desk IOA MIL 8].
- Millett, M. 1995. *English Heritage Book of Roman Britain*. London: Batsford. [DAA 170 MIL].
- Millett, M., Revell, L. and Moore, A. 2016. *The Oxford Handbook of Roman Britain*. Oxford: O.U.P. [<www>].
- Potter, T. 1997. *Roman Britain*. London: B.M.P. (2nd edition) [DAA 170 POT].
- Reece, R. 1988. *My Roman Britain*. Cirencester: Cotswold Studies. [DAA 170 REE].
- Salway, P. 1993. *The Oxford Illustrated History of Roman Britain*. Oxford: O.U.P. [DAA 170 SAL].
- Salway, P. 2002. *The Roman Era: the British Isles, 55 BC-AD 410*. Oxford: O.U.P. [DAA 170 SAL]
- Todd, M. 1997. *Roman Britain, 55 BC-AD 400*. [ANCIENT HISTORY R 30 TOD; HISTORY 26 p TOD].
- Todd, M. (ed.) 2004. *A Companion to Roman Britain*. Oxford: Blackwell. [DAA 170 TOD].

The journal *Britannia* is the main periodical relating to Roman Britain; this is available in the Institute library and online through the Electronic Journals section of the Library website. The *Journal of Roman Archaeology* also contains much relevant material. The series of published proceedings of the *Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conferences* are very useful for getting a flavour of the latest research in the field, as is the brand new *Theoretical Roman Archaeology Journal*.

Teaching Methods

The module is taught by 20 contact hours, consisting of 19 lectures and 1 seminar. All classes are delivered in-person, from 4-6pm, on Fridays, in IoA room 209.

Workload

There are 20 contact hours (lectures and seminars). Students are expected to undertake around 70 hours of reading (about 7 hours per week), plus 60 hours preparing for and producing the assessed essay work (two essays). The workload for the module should therefore total about 150 hours.

Prerequisites

There are no pre-requisites for this module which is open to all second and third year undergraduates, and Graduate Diploma students.

2. Assessment

There will be two assignments for this module. They consist of two essays, the first of 1,500 words (40% of the module mark) and the second of 2,500 (60%).

Essay 1 is due on 10th November and Essay 2 on 12th January.

Essay 1:

For this assessment you must write a critical review of an excavation report relating to a key site in Roman Britain. This could be a villa or farmstead, or part of a town or a fort. You will need to examine the evidence from that site in relation to one of the major themes that are discussed during the module. For example, did the military have a role in the foundation and construction of the 'public' towns? Or, how did the rural economy develop during the 2nd century? You will need to critically assess the key data presented in your chosen report. Is the dating presented supported by the evidence? Are the interpretations of the evidence open to question or are alternative interpretations possible?

This essay should take the form of:

1. Short introduction to the site and overview of the report.
2. Discussion and critique of the key data presented in the specific excavation report and how it contributes to a wider theme. This should form the bulk of your report. Focus on the main site narrative, as supported by the finds, rather than a detailed discussion of any one finds type.
3. Conclusions.

A detailed list of sites and reports is provided on the module Moodle page; others may be found in the main British archaeology sections in the library, at DAA 410 / Qto.; the Senate House library and the Institute of Classical Studies library (accessed via membership of the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies) will also have copies of many of these. Many reports from the Britannia monograph series are available online via the Archaeology Data Service. Other bibliography should be used as appropriate in relation to the wider theme; reviews of reports which can be found in major journals like *Britannia* will also be useful.

Essay 2:

Answer one of the following questions (note that you should choose a question which differs from the theme addressed in Essay 1):

1. What political and social factors have played a part in shaping the history of scholarship on Roman Britain since the beginning of the 20th century?
2. In what ways were British societies engaged with the Roman world before the invasion of 43 AD, and to what extent did this engagement have an impact on their social and political organisation?

3. To what extent was Roman frontier policy in northern Britain between the 2nd and 4th centuries AD driven by local factors versus imperial political agendas?
4. In what ways can evidence from military sites be used to reconstruct the lives of members of military communities on Britain's frontiers in the 3rd and 4th centuries AD?
5. What does the study of religion in Roman Britain contribute to our understanding of processes of culture change?
6. How has our understanding of Roman rural settlement archaeology changed in the last half-century, and what is the current picture of rural life in the 2nd OR the 4th century AD?
7. What contributions can the study of pottery OR coins OR environmental remains make to an understanding of Romano-British social and economic life?
8. How true is it to say that Roman Britain ended in the first decade of the 5th century AD?

Each assignment and possible approaches to it will be discussed in class, in advance of the submission deadline. If students are unclear about the nature of an assignment, they should discuss this with the Module Co-ordinator in advance (via office hours or class Moodle forum). You will receive feedback on your written coursework via Moodle, and have the opportunity to discuss your marks and feedback with the co-ordinator in their office hours.

For more details see the IoA student handbook: <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/archaeology/current-students/ioa-student-handbook>. The marking criteria and IoA writing guidelines are useful guides when writing your essay. Penalties for late submission and overlength work are also covered here.

3. Preparation for class

You are expected to read the two-four essential readings each week. Completing the readings is essential for your effective participation in the activities and discussions that we will do, and it will greatly enhance your understanding of the material covered. Further readings are provided via the online-reading list for you to get a sense of the range of current work on a given topic and for you to draw upon for your assessments.

Online reading list: Link via Moodle.

4. Syllabus

The following is an outline for the module as a whole, and identifies readings additional to the standard general works listed above which are relevant to each session. Copies of individual articles and chapters identified as essential reading are in the Short Loan/Teaching Collections in the Institute Library (where permitted by copyright). The literature on Roman Britain is extensive, and the listings below are necessarily selective; you should be prepared to follow-up further references listed in the bibliographies of works that you consult, where this is helpful.

1. Module Introduction; sources for the study of Roman Britain

Understanding life in Roman Britain is a multi-disciplinary enterprise involving archaeological, literary, epigraphic and documentary sources. This session will introduce the main types of data and their problems of interpretation.

Essential:

Hurst 2016; Mattingly 2006, Ch. 2

References and further reading:

- Allason-Jones, L. (ed.) 2011. *Artefacts in Roman Britain: their purpose and use*. Cambridge: C.U.P. [DAA 170 ALL].
- Birley, A.R. 2002. *Garrison Life at Vindolanda: a band of brothers*. Stroud: Tempus. [DAA 170 BIR].
- Faulkner, N. 2008. Roman archaeology in an epoch of neoliberalism and imperialist war. In C. Fenwick, M. Wiggins and D. Wythe (eds), *TRAC 2007: Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Theoretical Roman Archaeology Conference, London 2007*, 63-73. Oxford: Oxbow Books. [DAA 170 FEN].
- Eckardt, H., Müldner, G. and Lewis, M. 2014. People on the move in Roman Britain. *World Archaeology*, 46(4), 534-550. [INST ARCH Pers; <www>]
- Fulford, M. and Holbrook, N. 2011. Assessing the Contribution of Commercial Archaeology to the Study of the Roman Period in England, 1990-2004. *The Antiquaries Journal* 91, 323-45. [INST ARCH Pers].
- Hingley, R. and Willis, S. (eds.) 2007. *Roman Finds: context and theory*. Oxford: Oxbow. [DAA 170 Qto HIN].
- Hodder, I. 1993. Bridging the divide: a commentary on theoretical Roman archaeology. In E. Scott (ed.) *Theoretical Roman Archaeology: first conference proceedings*, xiii-xix. Aldershot: Avebury (Worldwide Archaeology Series 4). [DA 170 SCO; Issue Desk IOA SCO 3].
- Hurst, H. 2016. The textual and archaeological evidence. In M. Millett, L. Revell and A. Moore (eds) *The Oxford Handbook of Roman Britain*, 95-116. Oxford: O.U.P. [<www>].
- Ireland, S. 2008. *Roman Britain: a sourcebook*. London: Routledge (3rd edition). [DAA 170 IRE; Issue Desk IOA IRE 1].
- Keppie, L. 2001. *Understanding Roman Inscriptions*. London: Routledge. [A HIST W 30 KEP].
- Laurence, R. 2001. Roman Narratives: the writing of archaeological discourse – a view from Britain? (with comments and reply). *Archaeological Dialogues* 8(2), 90-122. [INST ARCH Pers; <www>]

- Mattingly, D. 2006. *An Imperial Possession: Britain in the Roman Empire*. London: Penguin/Allen Lane. [DAA 170 MAT; Issue Desk IOA MAT 8; A HIST R 30 MAT].
- Moreland, J. 2001. *Archaeology and Text*. London: Duckworth. [AH MOR].
- Morley, N. 2010. *The Roman Empire: Roots of Imperialism*. London: Pluto Press. [A HIST R 14 MOR]
- Reece, R. 1988. *My Roman Britain*. Cirencester: Cotswold Studies. [DAA 170 REE].
- Reece, R. 1993. Theory and Roman archaeology. In E. Scott (ed.) *Theoretical Roman Archaeology: first conference proceedings*, 29-38. Aldershot: Avebury. [DA 170 SCO; Issue Desk IOA SCO 3].
- Storey, G.R. 1999. Archaeology and Roman society: integrating textual and archaeological data. *Journal of Archaeological Research*, 7.3, 203-248. [INST ARCH Pers; <www>].
- Van Oyen, A. and Pitts, M. (eds) 2017. *Materialising Roman Histories*. Oxford: Oxbow Books. [DA 170 OVE].
- Wilson, R.J.A. 2002. *A Guide to the Roman Remains in Britain*. London: Constable. [DAA 170 WIL].
- Woolf, G. 2004. The Present State and Future Scope of Roman Archaeology: a comment. *American Journal of Archaeology* 108, 417-28. [INST ARCH Pers; <www>]

2. Late Iron Age societies in Britain (Isobel Thompson)

The late Iron Age saw the development of large multifocal settlements (“oppida”) in southern Britain and the development of a variety of high status burial rites. These developments will be reviewed along with the arguments for continental influences.

Essential:

Hill 2011; Moore 2011.

References and further reading:

- Burleigh, G, & Fitzpatrick-Matthews, K. 2010. *Excavations at Baldock, Hertfordshire, 1978-1994, volume 1: An Iron Age and Romano-British cemetery at Wallington Road*. North Hertfordshire Museums Archaeology Monograph 1. (Inst Arch DAA 410 Qto BUR).
- Bryant, S. 2007. Central places or special places? The origins and development of ‘oppida’ in Hertfordshire. In C. Haselgrove and T. Moore (eds) *The Later Iron Age in Britain and Beyond*, pp. 62–80. Oxford: Oxbow Books. [Issue Desk IOA HAS; DAA 160 Qto HAS].
- Creighton, J.D. 2000. *Coins and Power in Late Iron Age Britain*. New Studies in Archaeology. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge [Issue Desk IOA CRE; DAA 160 CRE].
- Creighton, J. 2006. *Britannia: the creation of a Roman province*. London: Routledge. [DAA 170 CRE].
- Crummy, P. 1999/2001. *City of Victory*. Colchester Archaeological Trust. (2001 revised reprint). See especially pp. 9–28.
- Fell, D. 2020. *Contact, concord and conquest: Britons and Romans at Scotch Corner*. Northern Archaeological Associates Monograph 5 (available online)

- Fernández Götz, M.A. 2014. *Identity and Power: the transformation of Iron Age societies in Northeast Gaul*. Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press. [DAC Qto FER].
- Fitzpatrick, A.P. 2000. Ritual, sequence, and structure in Late Iron Age mortuary practices in north-west Europe. In M. M. John Pearce & M. Struck (eds.), *Burial, Society and Context in the Roman World*, pp. 15–29. Oxbow Books, Oxford. [DA Qto PEA].
- Fulford, M et al. 2018. *Late Iron Age Calleva: the pre-conquest occupation at Silchester Insula IX*. Britannia Monograph series 32 (Inst Arch DAA 410 Qto FUL, and online via the ADS).
- Giles, M. and Parker Pearson, M. 1999. Learning to live in the Iron Age: dwelling and praxis. In B. Bevan (ed.) *Northern Exposure: interpretative devolution and the Iron Ages in Britain*, 217–231. Leicester: University of Leicester, School of Archaeological Studies (Leicester Archaeology Monographs 4). [DAA 160 Qto BEV].
- Harding, D.W. 2016. *Death and burial in Iron Age Britain*. Oxford University Press (Inst Arch DAA 160 HAR, and online via UCL Libraries)
- Haselgrove, C.C. 1993. The development of British Iron Age coinage, *Numismatic Chronicle* 153: 31–65. [INST ARCH Pers]
- Haselgrove, C.C. 2009. The Iron Age. In J. Hunt.er and I. Ralston, *The Archaeology of Britain*, second edition, pp. 149–75. London: Routledge. [INST ARCH DAA 100 HUN; Issue desk IOA HUN 5].
- Haselgrove, C (ed.) 2016. *Cartimandua's capital? The late Iron Age royal site at Stanwick, North Yorkshire, fieldwork and analysis 1981-2011*. CBA Research Report 175 (Inst Arch DAA 410 Qto Series COU 175).
- Haselgrove, C.C. & M. Millett 1997. 'Verlamion reconsidered.' In A. Gwilt & C. C. Haselgrove (eds.), *Reconstructing Iron Age Societies*, pp. 282–96. Oxbow Books, Oxford. [DAA 160 Qto GWI].
- Hill, J.D. 1995. The pre-Roman Iron Age in Britain and Ireland (ca. 800 bc–ad 100): an overview. *Journal of World Prehistory* 9(1): 47–98. [INST ARCH Pers].
- Hill, J.D. 2007. The dynamics of social change in Later Iron Age eastern and south-eastern England c. 300 BC–AD 43. In C. Haselgrove and T. Moore (eds) *The Later Iron Age in Britain and Beyond*, pp. 16–40. Oxford: Oxbow Books. [Issue Desk IOA HAS; Inst Arch DAA 160 Qto HAS].
- Hill, J.D. 2011. How did British Middle and Late Pre-Roman Iron Age societies work (if they did)? In T. Moore and X.-L. Armada (eds) *Atlantic Europe in the First Millennium BC: crossing the divide*, 242–263. Oxford: Oxford University Press. [<www>].
- Hingley, R. 2022. *Conquering the ocean: the Roman invasion of Britain*. OUP (online via UCL Libraries).
- Hobbs, R. 2001. Review of coinage and power. *Numismatic Chronicle* 161: 364–68. [INST ARCH Pers].
- Mattingly, D. 2006. *An Imperial Possession: Britain in the Roman Empire*. London: Penguin/Allen Lane. [DAA 170 MAT; Issue Desk IOA MAT 8; A HIST R 30 MAT].
- Millett, M. 1990. *The Romanization of Britain: an essay in archaeological interpretation*. Cambridge: C.U.P. [DAA 170 MIL; Issue Desk IOA MIL 8].

- Moore, T. 2011. Detribalizing the Later Prehistoric Past: Concepts of Tribes in Iron Age and Roman Studies. *Journal of Social Archaeology* 11(3): 334-60. [INST ARCH Pers; <www>].
- Moore, T. 2020. *A biography of power: research and excavations at the Iron Age oppidum of Bagendon, Gloucestershire (1979-2017)*. Oxford: Archaeopress Archaeology (online, Archaeopress open access e-books).
- Morris, F 2013, Cunobelinus' bronze coinage. *Britannia* 44, 27-83.
- Niblett, R. 1998. *The excavation of a ceremonial site at Folly Lane, Verulamium*. Britannia Monograph Series: no. 14. Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies, London. [DAA 410 Qto NIB].
- Niblett, R. 2001. *Verulamium. The Roman City of St Albans*. Tempus. See chapter 2. [DAA 410 H.5 NIB].
- Niblett, R. 2004. The native elite and their funerary practices from the first century BC to Nero. In M. Todd (ed) *A Companion to Roman Britain*, pp. 30–41. Oxford: Blackwell. [DAA 170 TOD].
- Niblett, R., & Thompson, I. 2005. *Alban's buried towns: an assessment of St Albans' archaeology up to AD 1600*. Oxbow, for English Heritage (Inst Arch DAA 410 H.5 NIB).
- Partridge, C. 1981. *Skeleton Green, a late Iron Age and Romano-British site*. Britannia Monograph No. 2. Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies, London. [DAA 410 Qto PAR. 2].
- Pitts, M. 2010. Re-thinking the southern British oppida: networks, kingdoms and material culture. *European Journal of Archaeology* 13:1, 32-63.
- Sealey, P. R. 2007. *A late Iron Age warrior burial from Kelvedon, Essex*. East Anglian Archaeology No. 118. [INST ARCH DAA Qto Series EAA 118].
- Stead, I.M. 1967. A La Tene III burial at Welwyn Garden City. *Archaeologia* 101: 1–62. [INST ARCH Pers].
- Stead, I.M. & V. Rigby 1986. *Baldock: the excavation of a Roman and pre-Roman settlement, 1968–72*. Britannia Monograph Series No. 7. Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies, London. [DAA 410 Qto STE].
- Stead, I.M., & Rigby, V. 1989. *Verulamium: the King Harry Lane site*. English Heritage Archaeological Report 12 (Inst Arch DAA 410 Qto STE, and Store).
- Thompson, I. 1982. *Grog-tempered 'Belgic' pottery of south-eastern England*. Oxford: British Archaeological Report, British Series 108 (Inst Arch DAA 410 Series Qto BRI 108, and online).
- Thompson, I. 2015. When was the Roman invasion of Hertfordshire?, in K. Lockyear (ed.), *Archaeology in Hertfordshire: Recent Research*, pp. 117–34. Hatfield: University of Hertfordshire Press. [INST ARCH DAA 410 H.5 LOC].
- Tyers, P. 1996, *Roman amphoras in Britain*. Internet Archaeology 1.

A few online resources:

- N Mahrer, G Kelly & V Le Quelenec, Torque of the town: conserving the world's largest Iron Age coin hoard (Le Catillon II, on YouTube)
- C Haselgrove, The rise and fall of the late Iron Age royal site at Stanwick, North Yorkshire. www.royalarchinst.org/rai-lectures-online/11-January-2017
- A Fitzpatrick & C Haselgrove, Julius Caesar in Britain. www.youtube.com/SocAntiquaries, Ordinary Meetings, 29 March 2018
- www.thenovium.org/exhibitions, the Mystery Warrior: excavation, conservation, and display of the North Bersted burial.

3. The invasions of Britain

The expeditions of Julius Caesar in 55 and 54 BC may have established new power networks in Britain, but the invasion of Claudius in AD 43 initiated the full incorporation of Britain into the empire. In this lecture, we will compare the course of these different campaigns, and look at some of the problems of historical interpretation surrounding the Claudian conquest.

Essential:

Mattingly 2006, Ch. 4; Ireland 2008, Chapters 3 & 5; Frere and Fulford 2001.

References and further reading:

- Bird, D. 2002. The events of AD 43: further reflections. *Britannia*, 33, 257-263. [INST ARCH Pers; <www>].
- Braund, D. 1996. *Ruling Roman Britain: Kings, Queens, Governors and Emperors from Julius Caesar to Augustus*. London: Routledge. [INST ARCH DAA 170 BRA]
- Creighton, J.D. 2000. *Coins and Power in Late Iron Age Britain*. New Studies in Archaeology. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press [ISSUE DESK IOA CRE; DAA 160 CRE].
- Cunliffe, B.W. 1998. *Fishbourne Roman Palace*. Stroud: Tempus Publishing. [DAA 410 S.9 CUN].
- Edwell, P.M. 2013. Definitions of Roman imperialism. In D. Hoyos (ed.) *A Companion to Roman Imperialism*. Leiden: Brill [<www>].
- Frere, S. and Fulford, M. 2001. The Roman Invasion of A.D. 43. *Britannia*, 32, 45-55. [INST ARCH Pers; <www>].
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- Hind, J. 1989. The invasion of Britain in AD 43: an alternative strategy for Aulus Plautius. *Britannia*, 20, 1-21. [INST ARCH Pers; <www>].
- Hind, J.G.F. 2007. A. Plautius' campaign in Britain: an alternative reading of the narrative in Cassius Dio (60.19.5-21.2). *Britannia*, 38, 93-106. [INST ARCH Pers; <www>].
- Ireland, S. 2008. *Roman Britain: a sourcebook*. London: Routledge (3rd edition). [DAA 170 IRE; Issue Desk IOA IRE 1]. (The major primary sources, Caesar, Dio and Suetonius, are also available in Penguin and Loeb editions).
- Manley, J. 2002. *AD 43: The Roman Invasion of Britain*. Stroud: Tempus Publishing. [INST ARCH DAA 170 MAN].
- Mattingly, D. 2006. *An Imperial Possession: Britain in the Roman Empire*. London: Penguin/Allen Lane. [DAA 170 MAT; Issue Desk IOA MAT 8; A HIST R 30 MAT].
- Mattingly, D. 2011. *Imperialism, Power and Identity: Experiencing the Roman Empire* (Ch. 3). Princeton, NJ: P.U.P. [A HIST R 61 MAT].
- Millett, M. 1990. *The Romanization of Britain: an essay in archaeological interpretation*. Cambridge: C.U.P. [DAA 170 MIL; Issue Desk IOA MIL 8].
- Sauer, E. 2002. The Roman invasion of Britain (AD 43) in imperial perspective. *Oxford Journal of Archaeology*, 21(4), 333-363. [INST ARCH Pers].
- Sharples, N.M. 1991. *Maiden Castle*. London: Batsford. [DAA 410 D.7 SHA].
- Webster, G. 1993. *The Roman Invasion of Britain*. London: Batsford. [DAA 170 WEB].

4. Advances and setbacks: from Aulus Plautius to Agricola

After the capture of Camulodunum, Roman forces moved quite rapidly across southern Britain. By AD 60, they had reached the north-western tip of modern Wales. Then the instability of the conquered province was made apparent by the revolt of Boudicca which, although ultimately unsuccessful, led to a period of consolidation. Subsequently, a series of increasingly aggressive governors finally secured Roman control over western Britain, and then pushed north. These events, and their archaeological consequences, will concern us in this lecture.

Essential:

Mattingly 2006, Ch. 4; Frere 1987, Chapter 4; Ireland 2008, Chapter 6.

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5. Establishing frontiers in Roman Britain

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6. Military life in early Roman Britain

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8. Villas and other developments in rural settlement

Alongside the growth of towns, the countryside saw the growth of villas, ‘Romanised’ rural dwellings. What was the pattern of their development, and the cause of their growth? How typical are they of developments in the countryside, and deep was the impact of the Roman conquest in rural areas? What was their relationship with towns?

Essential reading:

Millett 1990, pp 91–99, 117–123; Mattingly 2006, Ch. 12; Taylor 2013.

Also, look at the *Roman Rural Settlement Project* websites

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9. Imperialism and culture change: the problems with 'Romanization'

A fundamental problem in the study of Roman Britain – implicit in all of the preceding lectures – is the extent to which invasion and occupation initiated a process of cultural change. Was life in Britain fundamentally transformed by Roman conquest? If so, how, through what processes, and with what lasting effects? Different approaches to this problem have defined the different phases of Roman archaeology in Britain, and in this lecture, and the following seminar, we will discuss and debate these.

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10. SEMINAR: What comes after 'Romanization'?

In this seminar we will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of different approaches to cultural change in Roman Britain. You should come prepared to offer your opinions on at least the essential readings from Lecture 9.

READING WEEK

11. The 3rd and 4th centuries: crisis and recovery

The 3rd century AD was a time of political disruption in the Roman empire, with a great deal of instability. 'Barbarian' invasions and civil wars, with a range of economic consequences, affected the continental provinces of the empire. For Britain, after the short campaigns conducted in the north by Septimius Severus early in the century, reliable historical sources dry up, being pre-occupied with events elsewhere. The extent to which the security and economic crises disrupted life in Britain, if at all, must thus be examined largely from the archaeological evidence. The century ends, though, with another event at least partially documented: the rebellion of Carausius and Allectus, which can be seen in the context of the political (but not necessarily cultural) fragmentation in the empire during this period. Despite the re-incorporation of Britain into the empire by Constantius Chlorus, the 4th century saw further break-away movements, most notably that of Magnentius in the middle of the century. There also seem to have been increasing security problems, culminating in the so-called 'Barbarian Conspiracy' of 367. In this lecture, we will look at these events, casting a critical eye over the evidence available for them.

Essential:

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12. The Roman military in the 3rd and 4th centuries

The later Roman military was a rather different organization to that of the 1st and 2nd centuries, but how this change occurred, and how extensive it was, are matters of continued debate. Evidence is rather lacking in the 3rd century, but in the 4th century various new kinds of units appear in the documentary sources, while the archaeology of forts reveals some new developments in both buildings and artefacts used. These will be the subject of this lecture.

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13. Approaches to the Romano-British economy

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15. The religions of Roman Britain

Religion was an important aspect of life in the ancient world, not really separable from everyday activities in the way that it can be for many people today. As such, it provided an important arena for cultural contact and, sometimes, conflict. In this lecture, we will look at how the Classical pantheon of Rome was incorporated into Romano-British life, and at some of the more exotic 'mystery' cults imported into Britain, including Christianity.

Essential:

Revell 2007; Smith 2016; Webster 1995.

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16. Burial in Roman Britain

This session will examine Roman burial in Britain looking at regional and temporal trends. What can we deduce from burial evidence? How can we approach its analysis? How do our preconceptions affect our interpretation. You should have a look at at least one modern cemetery report, examples cited below but others can be found in the library catalogue or via references in other article.

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17. Later Roman urbanism in Britain

The later Roman period also saw changes in urban life, and these are again somewhat controversial. Many grand town-houses were built and inhabited in this period, but are these an indication of the prosperity of urban life, or of settlements which had become ‘administrative villages’ with a small, elite population? This debate is crucial to our understanding of the transformation of Roman Britain over time, and will be the focus of this lecture.

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18. The later Roman countryside

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Essential:

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19. The archaeology of 'the end'

The first decade of the 5th century is traditionally considered the last decade of the entity we call 'Roman Britain', but what the 'end' meant for different groups of people living in the Diocese is hotly contested. In this lecture, we will survey the key archaeological and textual evidence for the processes and events which culminated in Britain becoming detached from Roman rule, and what that meant for Romano-British culture.

Essential:

Esmonde Cleary 2016; Petts 2013.

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20. The 5th century and the Saxon 'adventus' (Stuart Brookes)

The settlement of Angles, Saxons and Jutes in Britain in the 4th and 5th centuries AD is one of the most evocative stories that we have from the early medieval period, but it is also a subject which polarises opinion. In this session we will critique some of the ideas about the earliest settlement, and discuss the case for and against mass migration, including the evidence from archaeology, history, linguistics, and molecular biology. To what extent can we attribute distinctive 'Anglo-Saxon' material culture to incoming migrants? What are the processes of state collapse? What would an Anglo-Saxon migration look like archaeologically?

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