

The centrality of Rome as a timeless and sacred place was an essential reference for power in Late Antiquity, both ideological and cultural, followed by the various territories and kingdoms of Europe alongside that provided by Byzantium, although other influences from the Irish and Scandinavian worlds played a key role in the northern and western areas. Current debates in interpreting the role and influence of Rome within the wider Mediterranean and Northern limes and the interrogation of late antique local-central power relationships have transformed our conception of landscape, governance and social dynamics. On-going archaeological identification and exploration of archaeological material and its cultural links, and the latest landscape approaches have thrown new light on the nature of the relationship between Western European power structures and Rome.

Scholars in recent decades have developed complex discussions about the political, economic and cultural aspects of this period, and around the power relationships between Rome and the newly emerging kingdoms of early medieval Europe, their local aristocracies and the Roman Catholic Church. The results of recent research provide more tangible models of changes in landscapes, cities, and of interactions between communities in this formative period from the 6th century AD into the Middle Ages.

This workshop focuses on the former Roman Empire in the Late Antique and the Early Medieval periods, with specific attention upon large-scale urban developments and their territories in order to rethink regional, local, and empire-wide perspectives. As well as on-going connections, a further goal of the conference is to encourage participants to think about rejections/resistance to *Romanitas* in terms of modes of social organisation.



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Staying connected in the post-Roman West: cities, territories and social interactions after the Empire



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Conference Program

Day 1: BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME

MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY

18 H 00

Welcome

18 H 15

Richard HODGES - The American University of Rome
The challenge of our generation: still coming to terms with discontinuity between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages

19 H – 20 H

Drinks Reception



Day 2: ESCUELA ESPAÑOLA DE HISTORIA Y ARQUEOLOGÍA EN ROMA-CSIC

TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY

9 H 00

Introduction

9 H 10 – 9 H 35

Gian Pietro BROGIOLO - University of Padova
Local powers and forms of power in the Italian cities and countryside

9 H 35 – 10 H 00

Riccardo SANTANGELI VALENZANI - Università degli Studi Roma Tre
Roma dalla Tarda Antichità all'Altomedioevo: quale paesaggio urbano?

10 H 00 – 10 H 25

Rory NAISMITH - King's College London
Mysterious Cities of Gold: Coined Money and Power Structures in the Post-Roman West

10 H 25 – 10 H 50

Andrew REYNOLDS – University College London
Romanitas among the Anglo-Saxons: a secular perspective

10 H 50 – 11 H 05

Discussion

11 H 05 – 11 H 20

COFFEE BREAK

11 H 20 – 11 H 45

Mark HANDLEY - Independent researcher
Monasteries and movement: two case studies of connectivity and the monasteries of Montecassino and Choziba

11 H 45 – 12 H 10

Maria DUGGAN - University of Newcastle
Staying connected with the post-Roman Atlantic

12 H 10 – 12 H 35

Sarah SEMPLE - Durham University
(Re)Worked in Stone. The reuse of Roman stonework in early medieval England: influences, technologies, patronage and identity?

12 H 35 – 13 H 00

Martin GOLDBERG – National Museum of Scotland
Making new connections between Northern Britain and the post-Roman West

13 H 00 – 13 H 15

Discussion

13 H 10 – 15 H

LUNCH BREAK

15 H – 15 H 25

Corisande FENWICK - University College London
Building God's Empire: church-building and religious networks in sixth-century Africa

15 H 25 – 16 H 00

Jose Carlos SÁNCHEZ-PARDO - University of Santiago of Compostela
Isabel SÁNCHEZ RAMOS - University College London
The western extent of the Mediterranean. Sacred and economic power places in the Iberian Peninsula in the sixth century AD

16 H 00 – 16 H 45

Bryan WARD-PERKINS - University of Oxford
Looking to the future: conclusions and questions

16 H 45 – 17 H 00

Discussion

17 H 30

Close

