

## LAW IN THE ROMAN PROVINCES

### THE PROBLEM

Since late antiquity, the pervasiveness of Roman law in the Imperium Romanum has usually been taken for granted. From this perspective, law united the empire as a coherent sphere of civilization, an image preferred by Roman emperors and modern scholars alike. While the continued existence of local law was at times acknowledged, the dominance of Roman concepts, especially after 212 CE, appeared to be beyond question. Recent research has significantly muddied the waters by paying attention to the many local variants of law and legal practice under Rome. However, a new narrative has not yet emerged, not least because the diverse data scattered throughout the empire seems to make a synthetic treatment of the subject a nigh on impossible task.

### THE SOLUTION

Funded by the Thyssen Foundation, this international conference brings together a large number of experts to discuss how law, Roman or otherwise, was transmitted, used, neglected and transformed in the Roman provinces from the late Republic until the late third century CE. The panels are divided by region, but united by four main questions: Which societal fields are subject to law? Is there evidence for a gradual increase in the importance of Roman law (or of a sudden one after the Constitutio Antoniniana)? Whence does knowledge of law derive? And who are the carriers of ideas and innovations related to the legal realm?

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**DAY ONE (22/06/2016)**

**INTRODUCTION**

14.00-14.15 Welcome from the Organisers

14.15-14.45 Peter Gußen (Bochum)  
 Introductory remarks

**THE IBERIAN PENINSULA**

14.45-15.30 John Richardson (University of Edinburgh)  
 Roman law or Roman legal practice?  
 A review of the evidence from the Iberian peninsula

COFFEE

16.00-16.45 Meret Strothmann (University of Bochum)  
 Roman City-Laws of Spain and their Modelling of Religious Landscape

**FRAGMENTS OF THE WEST**

16.45-17.30 Paul du Plessis (University of Edinburgh)  
 Roman Law in Roman Britain

COFFEE

18.00-18.45 Benedikt Eckhardt (University of Bremen)  
 Roman Law as Imperial Restriction, Useful Tool and Symbol of Identity: A Guided Tour through the Danubian Provinces

DINNER

**DAY TWO (23/06/2016)**

**GREECE**

9.15-10.00 Ilias Arnaoutoglou (Academy of Athens)  
 An Outline of Legal Norms and Practices in Roman Macedonia (167 BC – AD 212)

10.00-10.45 Lina Girdvainyte (University of Oxford)  
 Law and Citizenship in Roman Achaia: Continuity and Change

COFFEE

11.15-12.00 Ioannis Tzamtzis (University of Ioannina)  
 Intégration et perception de la règle de droit romaine en Crète, de la conquête de l'île à la fin du principat (67 av. J.-C. – 235 ap. J.-C.)

12.00-12.45 Athina Dimopoulou (University of Athens)  
 Law in Roman Lesbos

LUNCH

**ASIA MINOR**

14.15-15.00 Klaus Zimmermann (University of Münster)  
 Oktroi oder Anpassung? Entwicklungen der Verwaltung- und Rechtspraxis im römischen Lykien"

15.00-15.45 Ulrich Huttner (University of Siegen)  
 Rechts- und Lateinkenntnisse im kaiserzeitlichen Kleinasien

COFFEE

**NORTH AFRICA**

16.15-17.00 Anna Dolganov (University of Vienna)  
 nutricula caudicorum: The Forensic Profession in Roman Africa

17.00-17.45 Clifford Ando (University of Chicago)  
 The beginnings of public law in Roman North Africa

DINNER

**DAY THREE (24/06/2016)**

**NEAR EAST**

9.00-9.45 Tiziana Chiusi (Saarland University)  
 Spuren des römischen Rechts in dem Archiv von Babatha

9.45-10.30 Kimberley Czajkowski (University of Münster)  
 On the Edges of the Empire: Law and Administration at Dura-Europos

COFFEE

**EGYPT**

11.00-11.45 Andrea Jördens (University of Heidelberg)  
 Aequum et iustum – Prinzipien römischer Provinzverwaltung

11.45-12.30 Jose Luis Alonso (University of the Basque Country)  
 The Constitutio Antoniniana and the Private Legal Practice in the Eastern Empire

LUNCH

14.00-14.45 Jakub Urbanik (University of Warsaw)  
 Title TBC

COFFEE

15.15-16.00 Anna Plisecka (University of Zurich)  
 Longi temporis praescriptio in der severischen Gesetzgebung

16.00-16.45 Uri Yiftach (Tel Aviv University)  
 Administrative Terminology in Roman Egypt: Continuity and Change

COFFEE

17.15-17.45 Conclusion