

Integration and Diversity in the Culture and Religions of Late Antiquity
University of Tennessee, Knoxville, May 21-24, 2009.

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We are pleased to announce the first workshop of the International Network for the Study of Late Antiquity: "Centralization and Particularism in Late Antiquity," which will take place at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, May 21-24, 2009. The conference is open to the public: prior registration is not necessary, and there is no conference fee. Guests who need assistance in booking a hotel room are encouraged to write directly to Michael Kulikowski: mkulikow@utk.edu.

Graduate students who wish to participate in the conference and present their dissertation topics in the form of a poster will receive financial support for their travel expenses and for room and board. Interested students should send a CV and a one-page summary of their dissertation to Michael Kulikowski or Sebastian Schmidt-Hofner: sebastian.schmidt-hofner@zaw.uni-heidelberg.de.

The principal goal of the Network is the creation of a forum for academic exchange between Anglo-American and German scholars in all areas of Late Antique studies. Further information on the Network and its goals can be found at www.LA-network.org. The Network is open to everyone; if you wish to join or contact us, please write to Michael Kulikowski or Sebastian Schmidt-Hofner.

Conference Schedule

Wednesday, 20 May/Thursday 21 May

Participants arrive at McGhee-Tyson airport, Knoxville, TN

Thursday, 21 May

2:00-4:30 p.m. Registration and refreshments, Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

4:30 p.m. Welcomes (Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Susan Martin; Michael Kulikowski)

4:40 p.m. Introduction to the Network: History and Goals (Sebastian Schmidt-Hofner)

5:00 p.m. "Master Narratives of Late Antiquity: Centralisation, Particularism and the Historiography of the Later Roman Empire" (Michael Kulikowski, Knoxville)

6:00 p.m. Coffee Break before plenary

6:30 p.m. Plenary Lecture: "Lists and Catalogues: A Late Roman Art Form" (John Matthews, Yale)

8:00 p.m. Reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer, McClung Museum Rotunda

Friday, 22 May

(note 9 a.m. sessions in Haslam Business Building, room 401)

Section A1: Divergent Elites: Imperial, Senatorial, Regional and Local (Chair: Michael Kulikowski)

9:00 a.m. Fabian Goldbeck, Basel: "Current Concepts for the Study of Elites"

9:40 a.m. John Weisweiler, Cambridge (UK): "Aristocratic Competition and Refusal of Office in Late-Antique Rome"

(Sessions resume at McClung Museum)

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:50 a.m. Sebastian Schmidt-Hofner, Heidelberg: "Reintegrating the Local Elites: The Emergence of the Notables"

11:30 a.m. John Dillon, Heidelberg: "The Inflation of Rank and Privilege in the Later Roman Empire, its Causes and Consequences"

12:15 p.m. Clifford Ando, Chicago: "Domesticating Change in Post-Antonine Law"

1:00 p.m. Lunch Buffet, Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

Section A2: Change and Heterogeneity in the Representation of Elites (Chair: Danuta Shanzer, Urbana-Champaign)

2:00 p.m. Christian Witschel, Heidelberg: "Changing Spaces and Media of Elite Representation in Late Antiquity"

2:45 p.m. Julia Hillner, Sheffield: "Domestic Space between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages"

3:30 p.m. Michelle Salzman, Riverside: "Symmachus and the Mysterious Case of the Number Seven: Constructing Elite Identity"

4:15 p.m. Coffee Break

Section A3: Elite Identities: Barbarian and Roman (Chair: Christian Witschel, Heidelberg)

4:45 p.m. Philipp von Rummel, DAI Rome: "Barbarians as Roman Elite: the Problem of Perspective"

5:30 p.m. Roland Steinacher, Vienna: "Military Elites, Romans or Barbarians?"

6:15 p.m. Sebastian Gairhos, Augsburg: "Raetia as Case Study for Changes and New Elite Identities"

Saturday, 23 May

Section A4: Paideia: the End of Shared Graeco-Latin Culture? (Chair: Hans-Ulrich Wiemer, Gießen/Brown)

9:00 a.m. Edward Watts, Bloomington: "Oral Traditions and Ethical Teaching among the Last Platonists"

9:45 a.m. Susanna Elm, Berkeley: "Translating Roman Greekness for the Greek Romans"

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

Section B

Section B1: The Making of Orthodoxy (Chair: Hartmut Leppin, Frankfurt)

11:00 a.m. Ralph Mathisen, Urbana-Champaign: "Making Orthodoxies in the West: The Creed of Rimini and the Legitimation of Arianism"
Correspondent: Winrich Löhr, Heidelberg

12:00 p.m. Christine Shepardson, Knoxville: "Locating Orthodoxy: Syrian Judaizers and Narratives of Imperial Christianity"

12:45 p.m. Lunch Buffet, Marco Institute for Medieval and Renaissance Studies

Section B2: Competing Authorities: Church and State, Bishops and Monks (Chair: Noel Lenski, Boulder)

2:00 p.m. Kai Trampedach, Heidelberg: "Forms of Interaction between Emperors, Bishops and Monks in Constantinople in the Fifth Century"

2:45 p.m. Steffen Diefenbach, Augsburg: "Leadership, Charismatic Authority and Public Office: Bishops in Late Antique Gaul"

Special Session

3:30 p.m. Graduate Student Poster Presentations

4:15 p.m. Coffee Break

Section B3: Christianization and the Integration of the Hinterland (Chair: Gunnar Brands, Halle)

4:45 p.m. Judith Végh, Heidelberg: "The Christianization of Spain: A Case apart?"

5:30 p.m. Roland Prien, Heidelberg: "The Case of Early Christianity in the Northwestern Provinces: Archaeological Evidence versus Written Sources"

6:15 p.m. Richard E. Payne, Cambridge (UK): "Hagiography and the Christianization of Local Elites in the Provinces of Late Antique Iran"

8:00 p.m. Reception for participants and campus Classicist and medievalist community, Crescent Bend House and Gardens

Sunday, 24 May

- 9:00 a.m. Summary, Overview, Questions Raised (Christian Witschel)
- 9:15 a.m. Discussion
- 10:30 a.m. Prospect: LA Network Meeting 2010; Final Publication
- 11:00 a.m. Conference Concludes
- 12.00 p.m. Departures begin.

All events will take place in the McClung Museum Auditorium except where noted.