

Unrest in the Roman Empire: a discursive history

International workshop on June 13th-14th 2019 at the Eberhard-Karl Universität Tübingen



Mosaic from Tipasa, Algeria, showing bound captives

June 13th

Introduction

9.00 – Welcome/Setting the scene (Lisa Eberle and Myles Lavan)

9.10 – Towards a history of Roman discourses of unrest (Myles Lavan)

9.50 – Aporetic unrest: Appian's materialism reconsidered (Lisa Eberle)

10.30-11.00 – Coffee

Roman concepts

11.00 – The Roman Language of civil war: from Internal War and *stasis* to *bellum civile* (Carsten Hjort Lange)

11.40 – *Securitas* as ideology and narrative strategy (Michele Lowrie)

12.20 – Uproar and Unrest in Roman Law: *Seditio* in its Legal Context (Nicole Giannella)

13.00-14.00 – Lunch

Roman (and others') concepts: piracy & banditry

14.00 – No Sea Could Be Navigated: Piracy in the Roman Mediterranean (Gil Gambash)

14.40 – Bandits, barbarians and usurpers: the narrative of provincial unrest in the third and fourth century (Bruno Pottier)

15.20-15.50 – Coffee

Slaves & soldiers in Roman historiography

15.50 – Tacitus, Florus, and slave revolts: servile insurrection as a historiographical tool (Peter Morton)

16.30 – Mutiny, then and now: diachronic perspectives on military unrest in Roman historiography (Hans Kopp)

June 14th

Provincial perspectives (I): Greek cities

9.30 – Friends and enemies of Rome? Stasis in the second century BCE (Henning Börm)

10.10 – Struggles to define and counter-define dissent in the cities of the early Roman East (Benjamin Gray)

10.50-11.20 – Coffee

Provincial Perspectives (II): Jews and Christians

11.20 – Tell me how I conquered you: some clues from the 2nd c. BCE Mediterranean (Dan-el Padilla Peralta)

12.00 – The Apologetic Memory of Persecution (James Corke-Webster)

12.40- 13.40 – Lunch

Troublesome people? Christians & women

13.40 – The charge of *conjuratio*: A court record from Roman Egypt (Sabine Hübner)

14.20 – Locating Gender-Based Violence in Late Antiquity (Ulriika Vihervalli & Victoria Leonard)

15.00-15.30 – Coffee

New and changed centers

15.30 – Revolt, Sedition and Counterinsurgency in the Later Roman State (John Weisweiler)

16.10 – Tyranny, Invasion, and Rebellion in the Visigothic Kingdom (Damien Fernandez)

16.50 – Closing thoughts and discussion (Greg Woolf)

The event will take place at the Evangelisches Stift. **If you are interested, please just come along!**

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