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CLASS HIS 103  
ROMAN HISTORY, II:  
THE EMPIRE

Spring Quarter 2003

**Required texts (available at the Stanford Bookstore, and on reserve in Green)**

- C. Wells, *The Roman Empire* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Harvard University Press, 1992)
- P. Garnsey & R. Saller, *The Roman Empire: Economy, Society and Culture* (University of California Press, 1987)
- A. Cameron, *The Later Roman Empire* (Harvard University Press, 1993)
- R. Stark, *The Rise of Christianity* (HarperCollins, 1997)
- D. Cherry, *The Roman World: A Sourcebook* (Blackwell, 2001)
- Tacitus, *Agricola and Germany* (Oxford University Press, 1999)

**Recommended texts (on reserve in Green)**

- R. Mellor, *The Historians of Ancient Rome: An Anthology of the Major Writings* (Routledge, 1998)
- N. Lewis & M. Reinhold (eds.), *Roman Civilization: Selected Readings, II: The Empire* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed., Columbia University Press, 1990 [much better than Cherry, but out of print])

**Schedule and readings**

Wed, April 2	Introduction
Fri, April 4	Augustus and the creation of the imperial monarchy, I: Power & stability <i>Wells 11-30, 49-78</i>
Mon, April 7	*Augustus and the creation of the imperial monarchy, II: Ideology & propaganda <i>Cherry #29-30; handouts</i>
Wed, April 9	Governing the Roman empire <i>Garnsey &amp; Saller 5-40; handouts</i>
Fri, April 11	The military complex <i>Wells 123-151; Tacitus, Agricola; Cherry #39, 41; handouts</i>

Mon, April 14	The economic system <i>Garnsey &amp; Saller 43-103; Cherry #21; handouts</i>
Wed, April 16	Social relations, I: Hierarchy & stratification <i>Garnsey &amp; Saller 107-159; handouts</i>
Fri, April 18	*Social relations, II: Family & gender <i>Cherry #3-4, 6-7, 10-12, 15-16; handouts</i>
Mon, April 21	The imperial court, I: 'The Lives of the Caesars' <i>Wells 95-122, 152-174</i>
Wed, April 23	The imperial court, II: Emperors & aristocrats <i>Handouts</i>
Fri, April 25	*The imperial court, III: The Biographical Tradition <i>Mellor 365-416, 493-511; Tacitus, Agricola [again]</i>
Mon, April 28	Cosmopolis: The city of Rome <i>Handouts</i>
Wed, April 30	The provincial world, I: The Greek East <i>Stark ch. 7; Cherry #36, 38; handouts</i>
Fri, May 2	The provincial world, II: The Latin West <i>Wells 175-201; Cherry #37; handouts</i>
Mon, May 5	The provincial world, III: What is Romanization? <i>Handouts</i> <b>Midterm assignments due</b>
Wed, May 7	Beyond the borders <i>Tacitus, Germania; handouts</i>
Fri, May 9	Imperial religions: ruler cult and pluralism <i>Garnsey &amp; Saller 163-174; Cherry #52; handouts</i>
Mon, May 12	The Jews in the Roman world <i>Handouts</i>
Wed, May 14	The creation of Christianity <i>Garnsey &amp; Saller 174-177; Stark ch. 1-6; NT Matthew 5-7, 26-28</i>
Fri, May 16	Cult, community, and imperial power: Reactions to early Christianity <i>Stark ch. 8-9; NT Acts</i> <b>Paper outlines due</b>
Mon, May 19	*Readings on early Christianity <i>Cherry #53-57; NT Galatians, Ephesians 5-6; handouts</i>

Wed, May 21	Instability and restoration <i>Cameron 1-46; handouts</i>
Fri, May 23	Constantine and the changing face of Rome <i>Cameron 47-98; handouts</i> <b>Paper bibliographies due</b>
Mon, May 26	Memorial Day
Wed, May 28	*The 'Later' Roman empire <i>Cameron 99-194; Cherry #8, 32-34, 42; handouts</i>
Fri, May 30	Decline and Fall? Transformations of the Roman world <i>Handouts</i>
Mon, June 2	Continuity and Change <i>Handouts</i>
Wed, June 4	Summation <b>Research papers due</b>

### Course requirements

#### 1. Research paper

The research paper counts for 50% of the final grade (if you take this class for 5 units) or for two-thirds of the final grade (if you take this class for 3 units), and deals with a topic of your choice, provided that it relates to an aspect of Roman history after 30 BCE. We will be happy to advise you on the choice of topic and relevant bibliography. Topics should be problem-driven rather than descriptive summaries (i.e., focus on 'how' and 'why' rather than 'what' and 'when'). The paper will consist of 12 to 15 pages of text (double-spaced) plus bibliography. Your arguments should ideally be based on your own interpretation of ancient primary sources and take account of divergent views in the secondary literature. (The balance between ancient and modern sources should be appropriate to the problem you choose to address, and will vary from topic to topic.)

One-page abstracts outlining the general topic and the specific problems and issues to be addressed in the paper must be submitted by Friday May 16. Bibliographies of at least five items (including both books *and* journal articles or chapters in edited volumes) that will be used in the paper must be submitted by Friday May 23. The paper itself is due on Wednesday June 4. All deadlines are final, and no extensions will be granted except in properly documented cases of illness and other emergencies. Papers submitted at a later date will drop one grade and continue to drop a further grade every two weekdays thereafter.

#### 2. Midterm assignment

The midterm assignment counts for 25% (for 5 units) or one-third (for 3 units) of the final grade. The mid-term paper should be 6 to 7 pages long, will be based on two Roman emperors' biographies of your choice (excluding those used in class), and will explore the relationship between historical specificity and topical motifs. The midterm assignment is due on Monday May 5. The same penalties for late submissions apply.

### 3. Class participation

If you take this class for 5 units, your report for one of the discussion sessions counts for the remaining 25% of the final grade. Participants will prepare an oral or written report on the readings for one of the sessions marked with \*. Oral presentations should be supported by brief handouts.

## General bibliography

### General outlines of Roman imperial history and culture:

- M. Goodman, *The Roman World 44 BC – AD 180* (Routledge, 1997)
- R. Alston, *Aspects of Roman history, AD 14-117* (Routledge, 1998)
- F. Millar, *The Roman Empire and its Neighbours* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1981 [out of print])
- A. Cameron, *The Mediterranean World in Late Antiquity AD 395-600* (Routledge, 1993)
- P. Garnsey & C. Humfress, *The Evolution of the Late Antique World* (Orchard Academic, 2001)
- J. Boardman *et al.* (eds.), *The Oxford History of the Roman World* (Oxford University Press, 1986) [Imperial period: pp. 146-478]

### Sourcebooks:

- R. Mellor, *The Historians of Ancient Rome: An Anthology of the Major Writings* (Routledge, 1998) [Imperial period: pp. 355-531]
- N. Lewis & M. Reinhold, *Roman Civilization: Selected Readings, II: The Empire* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Columbia University Press, 1990)
- B. Levick, *The Government of the Roman Empire* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Routledge, 2000)
- J.-A. Shelton, *As the Romans Did: A Sourcebook in Roman Social History* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., Oxford UP, 1997)
- M. Maas, *Readings in Late Antiquity: A Sourcebook* (Routledge, 2000)

### Recommended ancient authors (Penguin Classics):

Ammianus Marcellinus, *The Later Roman Empire*; Augustine, *Confessions*; Cassius Dio, *The Roman History: The Reign of Augustus*; Eusebius, *The History of the Church*; Josephus, *The Jewish War*; Juvenal, *The Sixteen Satires*; Martial, *Epigrams*; Pliny, *The Letters of Pliny the Younger*; Seneca, *Letters from a Stoic*; Suetonius, *The Twelve Caesars*; Tacitus, *The Annals of Imperial Rome*; Tacitus, *The Histories*; Virgil, *The Aeneid*; Virgil, *The Eclogues*

### General reference:

- R. Talbert, *Atlas of classical history* (Routledge, 1985)
- *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Oxford University Press, 1996)

Heavy-duty scholarship: for detailed discussion of most of this period and up-to-date bibliography, see *The Cambridge Ancient History* 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. vols. X-XI & XIII-XIV (Cambridge University Press, 1996-2001)

Links to relevant websites: [www.tlg.uci.edu/~tlg/index/about.html](http://www.tlg.uci.edu/~tlg/index/about.html)

### Further reading for individual sessions

- W. Eck, *The Age of Augustus* (2003)  
A. H. M. Jones, *Augustus* (1970)  
F. Millar & E. Segal (eds.), *Caesar Augustus* (1984)  
P. Zanker, *The Power of Images in the Age of Augustus* (1988)  
F. Millar, *The Emperor in the Roman World (31 BC – AD 337)* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 1992)

- A. Lintott, *Imperium Romanum: Politics and Administration* (1993)  
 C. Ando, *Imperial Ideology and Provincial Loyalty in the Roman Empire* (2000)  
 J. Lendon, *Empire of Honour* (1997)
- J. B. Campbell, *The Emperor and the Roman Army, 31 BC – AD 235* (1984)  
 ---, *War and Society in Imperial Rome 31 BC – AD 284* (2002)  
 B. Isaac, *The Limits of Empire: The Roman Army in the East* (1992)  
 Y. Le Bohec, *The Roman Imperial Army* (1994)  
 A. Birley, *Garrison Life at Vindolanda* (2002), with <http://vindolanda.csad.ox.ac.uk>
- M. Rostovtzeff, *The Social and Economic History of the Roman Empire* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1957)  
 R. Duncan-Jones, *Structure and Scale in the Roman Economy* (1990)  
 K. Hopkins, 'Rome, Taxes, Rents, and Trade', in W. Scheidel & S. von Reden (eds.), *The Ancient Economy* (2002)  
 K. Greene, *The Archaeology of the Roman Economy* (1986)
- G. Alföldy, *The Social History of Rome* (1985)  
 R. MacMullen, *Roman Social Relations* (1982)  
 R. Saller, *Personal Patronage under the Early Empire* (1982)  
 J. Gardner, *Women in Roman Law and Society* (1986)  
 --- & T. Wiedemann, *The Roman Household: A Sourcebook* (1991)  
 K. Bradley, *Slaves and Masters in the Roman Empire: A Study in Social Control* (1987)
- B. Levick, *Tiberius the Politician* (1976)  
 ---, *Claudius* (1990)  
 M. Griffin, *Nero: The End of a Dynasty* (1984)  
 K. Wellesley, *The Long Year AD 69* (1975)  
 B. Levick, *Vespasian* (1999)  
 B. Jones, *The Emperor Domitian* (1992)  
 J. Bennet, *Trajan* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 2001)  
 A. Birley, *Hadrian* (2000)  
 ---, *Marcus Aurelius* (2000)  
 ---, *Septimius Severus* (1999)
- R. Talbert, *The Senate of Imperial Rome* (1984)  
 R. Syme, *The Augustan Aristocracy* (1986)  
 ---, *Tacitus* (1958)
- L. Richardson, *A New Topographical Dictionary of Ancient Rome* (1992)  
 A. Claridge, *Rome: An Oxford Archaeological Guide* (1998)  
 Z. Yavetz, *Plebs and Princeps* (1969)  
 T. Wiedemann, *Emperors and Gladiators* (1992)
- J. Wachter (ed.), *The Roman World* (1987)  
 T. Cornell & J. Matthews, *Atlas of the Roman World* (1992)  
 J. Stambaugh, *The Ancient Roman City* (1988)
- S. Alcock, *Graecia Capta: The Landscapes of Roman Greece* (1993)  
 D. Magie, *Roman Rule in Asia Minor* (1950)  
 F. Millar, *The Roman Near East 31 BC – AD 337* (1993)  
 G. Bowersock, *Roman Arabia* (1983)  
 N. Lewis, *Life in Egypt under Roman Rule* (1990)
- R. MacMullen, *Romanization in the Time of Augustus* (2000)  
 S. Keay, *Roman Spain* (1988)  
 G. Woolf, *Becoming Roman* (1997)  
 J. Drinkwater, *Roman Gaul* (1983)  
 M. Millett, *The Romanization of Britain* (1990)  
 S. Ireland, *Roman Britain: A Sourcebook* (1986)

- A. King, *Roman Gaul and Germany* (1990)  
 G. Alföldy, *Noricum* (1974)  
 J. Wilkes, *Dalmatia* (1969)  
 A. Mocsy, *Pannonia and Upper Moesia* (1974)  
 S. Raven, *Rome in Africa* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed. 1993)  
 D. Mattingly, *Tripolitania* (1995)
- C. R. Whittaker, *Frontiers of the Roman Empire: A Social and Economic Study* (1994)  
 D. Braund, *Rome and the Friendly King: The Character of the Client Kingship* (1984)  
 M. Todd, *The Northern Barbarians 100 BC – AD 300* (1987)  
 R. Frye, *The History of Ancient Iran* (1984)
- M. Beard, J. North & S. Price, *Roman Religion, I: A History; II: A Sourcebook* (1998)  
 R. Lane Fox, *Pagans and Christians* (1986)  
 R. MacMullen, *Paganism in the Roman Empire* (1981)  
 S. Price, *Rituals and Power: The Roman Imperial Cult in Asia Minor* (1984)  
 D. Fishwick, *The Imperial Cult in the Latin West* (1987-2002)
- E. Schürer, *The History of the Jewish People in the Age of Jesus Christ (175 BC – AD 135)* (rev. ed. 1973-87)  
 E. Sanders, *Judaism: Practice and Belief, 63 BCE – 66 CE* (1992)  
 E. Smallwood, *The Jews under Roman Rule* (1976)  
 S. Schwartz, *Imperialism and Jewish Society, 200 B.C.E to 640 C.E.* (2001)
- K. Hopkins, *A World Full of Gods* (2001)  
 R. MacMullen, *Christianizing the Roman Empire* (1984)  
 H. Chadwick, *The Early Church* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed. 1993)  
 W. Frend, *The Rise of Christianity* (1984)  
 ---, *Martyrdom and persecution in the Early Church* (1965)  
 H. Musurillo, *Acts of the Christian Martyrs* (1972)
- P. Southern, *The Roman Empire from Severus to Constantine* (2001)  
 A. Watson, *Aurelian and the Third Century* (1999)  
 S. Williams, *Diocletian and the Roman Recovery* (1995)  
 T. Barnes, *The New Empire of Diocletian and Constantine* (1982)
- T. Barnes, *Constantine and Eusebius* (1981)  
 G. Bowersock, *Julian the Apostate* (1978)  
 A. H. M. Jones, *The Later Roman Empire* (1964)  
 P. Brown, *Augustine of Hippo* (1967)  
 ---, *The World of Late Antiquity* (1971)  
 ---, *The Making of Late Antiquity* (1978)  
 ---, *The Cult of the Saints* (1981)  
 R. MacMullen, *Soldier and Civilian in the Later Roman Empire* (1963)  
 J. Matthews, *The Roman Empire of Ammianus* (1999)
- P. Heather, *Goths and Romans, 332-489* (1991)  
 H. Wolfram, *History of the Goths* (1988)  
 O. Maenchen-Helfen, *The World of the Huns* (1973)
- A. Ferrill, *The Fall of the Roman Empire: The Military Explanation* (1986)  
 R. MacMullen, *Corruption and the Decline of Rome* (1988)  
 J. Tainter, *The Collapse of Complex Societies* (1988)
- R. Hodges & D. Whitehouse, *Mohammed, Charlemagne, and the Origins of Europe* (1983)  
 K. Randsborg, *The First Millennium AD in Europe and the Mediterranean* (1991)  
 M. McCormick, *Origins of the European Economy: Communications and Commerce, AD 300-900* (2001)