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CLASS HIS 60

THE ROMANS

Spring Quarter 2012

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

- Mary T. Boatwright, Daniel J. Gargola, Noel Lenski, and Richard J. A. Talbert, *The Romans: From Village to Empire. A History of Rome from Earliest Times to the End of the Western Empire*. 2nd edition (Oxford University Press, 2012) [=The Romans]
- Ronald Mellor, *The Historians of Ancient Rome: An Anthology of the Major Writings* (2nd ed., Routledge, 2004) [=Mellor]
- Tacitus, *Agricola and Germany* (Oxford University Press, 2009)

Schedule and readings

(* = sections)

Mon, April 2	Introduction: Why Rome?
Wed, April 4	What can we know about early Rome? – Bottom-up perspectives <i>The Romans 1-42</i>
*Fri, April 6	Discussion: What are we told about early Rome? – The fabrication of historical tradition <i>Mellor 1-5, 169-205</i>
Mon, April 9	Governing Rome <i>The Romans 53-69, 125-129</i>
Wed, April 11	Roman imperialism <i>The Romans 43-53, 69-124</i>
*Fri, April 13	Discussion: In search of the perfect constitution <i>Mellor 50-63</i>
*Mon, April 16	Discussion: How did Roman politics really work? <i>Quintus Cicero (?), Handbook on Canvassing (handout) (recommended optional supplement: Mellor 82-115)</i>

Wed, April 18	Belief systems: Cult and ideology <i>Handouts</i>
*Fri, April 20	Discussion: 'Just war' <i>Mellor 215-227, 288-294, 317-320; handouts</i>
Mon, April 23	Economic change <i>The Romans 129-153; Mellor 304-312</i>
Wed, April 25	From republic to monarchy: The great transition <i>Mellor 65-79; skim The Romans pp. 154-281</i>
*Fri, April 27	Discussion: The Augustan regime <i>Mellor 281-308, handouts</i>
Mon, April 30	Governing the Roman empire <i>The Romans 309-329, 375-386</i> Mid-term papers due
Wed, May 2	The military complex <i>Romans pp. 291-294 (again), 329-330, 373 source 10.1; Mellor 539-555</i>
Fri, May 4	The provincial world <i>The Romans 335-339, 374-375; Mellor 490-497, 531-536; handouts</i>
Mon, May 7	Beyond the borders <i>Tacitus, Germany</i>
Wed, May 9	Imperial religions: Ruler cult and pluralism <i>The Romans 339-345, 386-387</i>
*Fri, May 11	Discussion: Emperors, aristocrats, and provincials <i>Tacitus, Agricola</i> Abstracts due
Mon, May 14	The Jews in the Roman world <i>Mellor 331-345; handouts</i>
Wed, May 16	The creation of Christianity <i>The Romans 421-426; Mellor 510-514, 536-538; handouts</i>
*Fri, May 18	Discussion: Cult, community, and imperial power <i>Mellor 510-514, 536-538, 557-574; handouts</i> Bibliographies due
Mon, May 21	Instability and restoration <i>The Romans 427-486; Mellor 557-574</i>
Wed, May 23	Decline and Fall? Transformations of the Roman world <i>The Romans 487-518; Mellor 606-613; handouts</i>

Fri, May 25	Continuity and change <i>Handouts</i>
Mon, May 28	Memorial Day (no class)
*Wed, May 30	Final discussion
Fri, June 1	No class; meet with TAs to review draft papers
Mon, June 4	No class; Final papers due

Course requirements

1. Research paper

The research paper counts for 40% of the final grade (if you take this class for 4 or 5 units) or for 50% 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. We are happy to advise you on your 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 4,000 to 5,000 words of text (excluding the 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 11. 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 18. The paper itself is due on Monday June 4 at midnight. 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 business days thereafter.

2. Midterm assignment

The midterm assignment counts for 20% (4-5 units) or 25% (3 units) of the final grade. The mid-term paper should contain *c.*2,000 words, and will address the question ‘How democratic was the Roman Republic?’. The midterm assignment is due on Monday April 30 by noon. The same penalties for late submissions apply.

3. Class participation

Class participation in sections counts for 25% of the final grade. If you take this class for 4 or 5 units, you will prepare a critical report on the readings for one of the discussion sections, which counts for an additional 15% of the final grade. Depending on class size, you may choose between an oral and a written report. Written reports should be *c.*1,000 words long and must be handed in prior to the relevant session. Oral presentations should be supported by brief handouts and/or slides. Session attendance is mandatory and unexcused absence will be factored into the relevant portion of the final grade.

4. Students with documented disabilities

Students who may need an academic accommodation based on the impact of a disability must initiate the request with the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC) located within the Office of Accessible Education (OAE). SDRC staff will evaluate the request with required documentation, recommend reasonable accommodations, and prepare an *Accommodation Letter* for faculty dated in the current quarter in which the request is being made. Students should contact the SDRC as soon as possible since timely notice is needed to coordinate accommodations. The OAE is located at 563 Salvatierra Walk (phone: 723-1066).

General bibliography

General outlines of Roman imperial history and culture:

- M. Crawford, *The Roman Republic* (2nd ed. Harvard University Press, 1993)
- P. A. Brunt, *Social Conflicts in the Roman Republic* (Chatto & Windus, 1971, repr. 1986)
- H. H. Scullard, *History of the Roman World, 753-146* (4th ed. Routledge, 1991); *From the Gracchi to Nero* (5th ed. Routledge, 1990) [detailed but old-fashioned accounts]
- J. Boardman *et al.* (eds.), *The Oxford History of the Roman World* (Oxford University Press, 1986)
- 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* (2nd ed., 1981)
- 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)

Sourcebooks:

- N. Lewis & M. Reinhold, *Roman Civilization, I: The Republic and the Augustan Age* (3rd ed. Columbia University Press, 1990), *II: The Empire* (3rd ed. Columbia University Press, 1990)
- B. Levick, *The Government of the Roman Empire* (2nd ed., Routledge, 2000)
- J.-A. Shelton, *As the Romans Did: A Sourcebook in Roman Social History* (2nd ed., Oxford UP, 1997)
- M. Maas, *Readings in Late Antiquity: A Sourcebook* (Routledge, 2000)

Recommended ancient authors (Penguin Classics):

Livy, *The Early History of Rome*; Plutarch, *The Makers of Rome*; Polybius, *The Rise of the Roman Empire*; Livy, *The War with Hannibal*; Plutarch, *Fall of the Roman Republic*; Cicero, *Selected Political Speeches*; Cicero, *Selected Letters*; Appian, *The Civil Wars*; Caesar, *The Conquest of Gaul*; Caesar, *The Civil War*; Virgil, *The Aeneid*; Virgil, *The Eclogues*; Cassius Dio, *The Roman History: The Reign of Augustus*; Suetonius, *The Twelve Caesars*; Tacitus, *The Annals of Imperial Rome*; Tacitus, *The Histories*; Seneca, *Letters from a Stoic*; Juvenal, *The Sixteen Satires*; Martial, *Epigrams*; Pliny, *The Letters of Pliny the Younger*; Josephus, *The Jewish War*; Ammianus Marcellinus, *The Later Roman Empire*; Augustine, *Confessions*; Eusebius, *The History of the Church*

General reference:

- R. Talbert, *Atlas of classical history* (Routledge, 1985)
- *The Oxford Classical Dictionary*, 3rd 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* 2nd ed. vols. VII 2, VIII-XIV (Cambridge University Press, 1989-2005)

Links to relevant websites: www.perseus.tufts.edu/hopper/; <http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~loxias/jact.htm>;
<http://artsci.wustl.edu/~cwconrad/classics.html>

Further reading

- T. J. Cornell, *The Beginnings of Rome: Italy and Rome from the Bronze Age to the Punic Wars (c. 1000-264 BC)* (1995)
C. J. Smith, *Early Rome and Latium: Economy and Society, c. 1000 to 500 BC* (1995)
M. Pallottino, *A History of Earliest Italy* (1991)
M. Pallottino, *The Etruscans* (1975)
J. Boardman, *The Greeks Overseas* (1980)
- J. Heurgon, *The Rise of Rome* (1973)

- A. Lintott, *The Constitution of the Roman Republic* (1999)
M. I. Finley, *Politics in the Ancient World* (1983)
E. S. Staveley, *Greek and Roman Voting and Elections* (1972)
- W. V. Harris, *War and Imperialism in Republican Rome 327-70 B.C.* (1979)
F. E. Adcock, *The Roman Art of War under the Republic* (1963)
- J.-M. David, *The Roman Conquest of Italy* (1997)
E. T. Salmon, *Roman Colonisation* (1969)
T. W. Potter, *Roman Italy* (1987)
E. S. Gruen, *The Hellenistic World and the Coming of Rome* (1984)
- M. Beard, J. North & S. Price, *Roman Religion, I: A History; II: A Sourcebook* (1998)
- K. Hopkins, *Conquerors and Slaves* (1978)
P. A. Brunt, *Italian Manpower 225 B.C. – A.D. 14* (1971, rev. ed. 1987)
J. K. Evans, *War, Women and Children in Republican Rome* (1991)
E. Gabba, *Republican Rome: The Army and the Allies* (1977)
M. H. Crawford, *Coinage and Money under the Roman Republic: Italy and the Mediterranean Economy* (1985)
K. R. Bradley, *Slavery and Rebellion in the Roman World 140 B.C. – 70 B.C.* (1989)
- M. Beard & M. Crawford, *Rome in the Late Republic* (1985)
E. S. Gruen, *The Last Generation of the Roman Republic* (1974)
- D. L. Stockton, *The Gracchi* (1979)
E. Badian, *Sulla, the Deadly Reformer* (1970)
E. Badian, *Roman Imperialism in the Late Republic* (1968)
R. Seager, *Pompey: A Political Biography* (1969)
D. L. Stockton, *Cicero: A Political Biography* (1971)
- H. Mouritsen, *Plebs and Politics in Late Republican Rome* (2002)
A. Yakobson, *Elections and Electioneering in Rome: A Study in the Political System of the Late Republic* (1999)
F. Millar, *The Crowd in Rome in the Late Republic* (1998)
C. Nicolet, *The World of the Citizen in Republican Rome* (1980)
A. Lintott, *Violence in Republican Rome* (1968)
- E. J. Kenney and W. V. Clausen (eds.), *The Cambridge History of Classical Literature II: Latin Literature* (1982), ch. 3-14
E. Rawson, *Intellectual Life in the Late Roman Republic* (1985)
- J. F. Gardner & T. Wiedemann, *The Roman Household: A Sourcebook* (1991)
S. Dixon, *The Roman Family* (1992)
J. F. Gardner, *Women in Roman Law and Society* (1986)
T. G. Parkin, *Demography and Roman Society* (1992)
- C. Meier, *Caesar* (1996)
- R. Syme, *The Roman Revolution* (1939)
P. A. Brunt, *The Fall of the Roman Republic* (1988)
D. Shotter, *The Fall of the Roman Republic* (1994)
- 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)* (2nd 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* (2nd 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)
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- B. Levick, *Tiberius the Politician* (1976)
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 M. Griffin, *Nero: The End of a Dynasty* (1984)
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 A. Birley, *Hadrian* (2000)
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 A. Claridge, *Rome: An Oxford Archaeological Guide* (1998)
 Z. Yavetz, *Plebs and Princeps* (1969)
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- J. Wachter (ed.), *The Roman World* (1987)
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 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)
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- 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)
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 S. Raven, *Rome in Africa* (3rd 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)
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- M. Beard, J. North & S. Price, *Roman Religion, I: A History; II: A Sourcebook* (1998)
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 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)
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- K. Hopkins, *A World Full of Gods* (2001)
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- A. Ferrill, *The Fall of the Roman Empire: The Military Explanation* (1986)
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 J. Tainter, *The Collapse of Complex Societies* (1988)
 B. Ward-Perkins, *The Fall of Rome and the End of Civilization* (2005)
 P. Heather, *The Fall of the Roman Empire: A New History of Rome and the Barbarians* (2006)
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 K. Randsbourg, *The First Millennium AD in Europe and the Mediterranean* (1991)
 M. McCormick, *Origins of the European Economy: Communications and Commerce, AD 300-900* (2001)
 C. Wickham, *Framing the Early Middle Ages: Europe and the Mediterranean, 400-800* (2005)