CLASS HIS 103

ROMAN HISTORY, II: THE EMPIRE

Spring Quarter 2004
TueThu 4.15-5.30

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

- C. Wells, The Roman Empire (2nd ed., Harvard University Press, 1995)
- A. Cameron, The Later Roman Empire (Harvard University Press, 1993)
- Tacitus, Agricola and Germany (Oxford University Press, 1999)

Schedule and readings

Tue, Mar 30 Introduction

Thu, April 1 Augustus and the creation of the imperial monarchy
Wells 11-30, 49-78; RC #1, 3-4; handouts (Res Gestae)

Tue, April 6 Governing the Roman empire
Garnsey & Saller 5-40; RC #16-18, 24, 63-66, 68, 71, 75, 82-84

Thu, April 8 The military-tributary complex
Garnsey & Saller 43-103; Wells 123-151; RC# 2, 86, 135-138, 141, 143, 145-147, 150, 152

Tue, April 13 Social relations: Hierarchy, stratification, and the family
Garnsey & Saller 107-159; RC #43, 48-50, 91, 94, 99

Thu, April 15 The imperial court: Emperors & aristocrats
Wells 95-122, 152-174; Tacitus, Agricola; RC #6-7, 12-13, 95, 98
Tue, April 20  Cosmopolis: The city of Rome  
   RC #31, 37-42

Thu, April 22  The provincial world: East and West  
   Wells 175-201; RC #23, 90

Tue, April 27  Beyond the borders  
   Tacitus, Germania: RC #8-9  
   **Midterm assignments due**

Thu, April 29  Imperial religions: ruler cult and pluralism  
   Garnsey & Saller 163-174; RC #161-162, 165

Tue, May 4  The Jews in the Roman world  
   RC #76, 84 (p.314), 90; handouts

Thu, May 6  The creation of Christianity  
   Garnsey & Saller 174-177; NT Matthew 5-7, 26-28, RC #169

Tue, May 11  Cult, community, and imperial power: Reactions to early Christianity  
   NT Acts, Galatians, Ephesians 5-6; RC #167-168, 170-172  
   **Paper outlines due**

Thu, May 13  Instability and restoration  
   Cameron 1-98; RC #104-105, 110-112, 119-123

Tue, May 18  The ‘Later’ Roman Empire  
   Cameron 99-194; RC #129-130, 173-176, 180, 186-190  
   **Paper bibliographies due**

Thu, May 20  Decline and Fall? Transformations of the Roman world  
   RC #191-194; handouts

Tue, May 25  Continuity and Change  
   Handouts

Thu, May 27  Optional review

Tue, June 1  No class  
   **Research papers due**
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 or 4 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 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 Tuesday 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 Tuesday May 18. The paper itself is due on Tuesday June 1. 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 one-third of the final grade (for 3, 4 or 5 units). The mid-term paper should contain c.2,000 words, will be based on two Roman emperors’ biographies of your choice, and will explore the relationship between historical specificity and topical motifs. We will provide bibliographical references. The midterm assignment is due on Tuesday April 27. The same penalties for late submissions apply.

3. Class participation
If you take this class for 5 units, you will prepare a critical report on the readings for one of the sessions. The report counts for one-sixth of the final grade. 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.

4. Sections
Supplementary sections will be offered in the afternoon before and after the mid-term paper and before the final paper, or may be replaced by various smaller meetings. They are designed to help you prepare your papers.

General bibliography

General outlines of Roman imperial history and culture:
- 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:
- M. Maas, *Readings in Late Antiquity: A Sourcebook* (Routledge, 2000)

Recommended ancient authors (Penguin Classics):

General reference:

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

Links to relevant websites: www.tlg.uci.edu/~tlg/index/about.html

Further reading for individual sessions

C. Ando, *Imperial Ideology and Provincial Loyalty in the Roman Empire* (2000)

---, *War and Society in Imperial Rome 31 BC – AD 284* (2002)
A. Birley, *Garrison Life at Vindolanda* (2002), with http://vindolanda.csad.ox.ac.uk


K. Bradley, *Slaves and Masters in the Roman Empire: A Study in Social Control* (1987)
B. Levick, *Tiberius the Politician* (1976)
---, *Claudius* (1990)
K. Wellesley, *The Long Year AD 69* (1975)
---, *Marcus Aurelius* (2000)
---, *Septimius Severus* (1999)
---, *Tacitus* (1958)
J. Wacher (ed.), *The Roman World* (1987)
D. Magie, *Roman Rule in Asia Minor* (1950)
M. Millett, *The Romanization of Britain* (1990)
A. King, *Roman Gaul and Germany* (1990)
J. Wilkes, *Dalmatia* (1969)
R. Lane Fox, *Pagans and Christians* (1986)
E. Schürer, *The History of the Jewish People in the Age of Jesus Christ (175 BC – AD 135)* (rev. ed. 1973-87)
R. MacMullen, *Christianizing the Roman Empire* (1984)
---, *Martyrdom and persecution in the Early Church* (1965)

P. Southern, *The Roman Empire from Severus to Constantine* (2001)

T. Barnes, *Constantine and Eusebius* (1981)
G. Bowersock, *Julian the Apostate* (1978)
A. H. M. Jones, *The Later Roman Empire* (1964)
---, *The World of Late Antiquity* (1971)
---, *The Making of Late Antiquity* (1978)
R. MacMullen, *Soldier and Civilian in the Later Roman Empire* (1963)

P. Heather, *Goths and Romans, 332-489* (1991)
