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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)
- 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)
- N. Lewis and M. Reinhold, *Roman Civilization, II: The Empire* (3rd ed., Columbia University Press, 1990) [=RC]
- 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 <i>Wells 11-30, 49-78; RC #1, 3-4; handouts (Res Gestae)</i>
Tue, April 6	Governing the Roman empire <i>Garnsey & Saller 5-40; RC #16-18, 24, 63-66, 68, 71, 75, 82-84</i>
Thu, April 8	The military-tributary complex <i>Garnsey & Saller 43-103; Wells 123-151; RC# 2, 86, 135-138, 141, 143, 145-147, 150, 152</i>
Tue, April 13	Social relations: Hierarchy, stratification, and the family <i>Garnsey & Saller 107-159; RC #43, 48-50, 91, 94, 99</i>
Thu, April 15	The imperial court: Emperors & aristocrats <i>Wells 95-122, 152-174; Tacitus, Agricola; RC #6-7, 12-13, 95, 98</i>

Tue, April 20	Cosmopolis: The city of Rome <i>RC #31, 37-42</i>
Thu, April 22	The provincial world: East and West <i>Wells 175-201; RC #23, 90</i>
Tue, April 27	Beyond the borders <i>Tacitus, Germania; RC #8-9</i> Midterm assignments due
Thu, April 29	Imperial religions: ruler cult and pluralism <i>Garnsey & Saller 163-174; RC #161-162, 165</i>
Tue, May 4	The Jews in the Roman world <i>RC #76, 84 (p.314), 90; handouts</i>
Thu, May 6	The creation of Christianity <i>Garnsey & Saller 174-177; NT Matthew 5-7, 26-28, RC #169</i>
Tue, May 11	Cult, community, and imperial power: Reactions to early Christianity <i>NT Acts, Galatians, Ephesians 5-6; RC #167-168, 170-172</i> Paper outlines due
Thu, May 13	Instability and restoration <i>Cameron 1-98; RC #104-105, 110-112, 119-123</i>
Tue, May 18	The 'Later' Roman Empire <i>Cameron 99-194; RC #129-130, 173-176, 180, 186-190</i> Paper bibliographies due
Thu, May 20	Decline and Fall? Transformations of the Roman world <i>RC #191-194; handouts</i>
Tue, May 25	Continuity and Change <i>Handouts</i>
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:

- 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 [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* (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):

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*, 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. 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

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)

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* (2nd 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* (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)
 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* (2nd ed. 1993)
W. Friend, *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. 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)