Global and Local Cultures in the Roman East: From Domination to Interaction

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Wednesday 28 November (Vuorikatu 3, 5th floor, Room 532)


13.40–14.30 Keynote Lecture: Romans and Others: Contemporary Perspectives on Global and Local Identities
Myles Lavan, University of St. Andrews

14.30–15.10 Roman and Local Cultures in Jerash
Rubina Raja, Aarhus University

15.10–15.40 Coffee and Tea Break

15.40–16.20 Moral Values and Divine Hand: Adjusting Roman and Local Identities in the Historical Writings of the Early Imperial Period
Marika Rauhala, University of Helsinki

16.20–17.00 Citizenship and Ethnicity in Cassius Dio’s Roman History
Jussi Rantala, University of Tampere

17.00–17.40 The Impact of Roman Annexation on the Nabataean Cult: Causes and Consequences
Paula Kouki, University of Helsinki

18.00 Reception (Faculty of Theology, Faculty Room)

Thursday 29 November (Main Building, 3rd floor, Lecture Room 6)

9.10–10.00 Keynote Lecture: Imperial Debris at Dura-Europos
Jennifer Baird, University of London
10.00–10.40 Local and Global Narratives at Palmyra, Syria  
   Eivind Heldaas Seland, University of Bergen

10.40–11.00 Coffee and Tea Break

11.00–11.40 On the Edges of Hellas: The Cultural Diversity of Pompey Cities in the Pontic Hinterland  
   Jesper Majbom Madsen, University of Southern Denmark

   Marta Lorenzon, University of Helsinki

12.20–13.50 Lunch Break

13.50–14.40 Keynote Lecture: Pagans, Jews and Christians in Roman Dura-Europos: Negotiating Local Religious Identity against the Backdrop of Imperial Global Culture  
   Ted Kaizer, Durham University

   Rick Bonnie, University of Helsinki

15.20–16.00 Honorific Monuments to Antonine Imperial Family as a Sphere of Interaction in the Roman East  
   Sanna Joska, University of Tampere

16.00–16.20 Coffee and Tea Break

16.20–17.00 Global and Local Cultures in pre-70 CE Galilee: Resistance and/or Interaction  
   Raimo Hakola, University of Helsinki

17.00–17.40 Keramoseos: Diversity and Tradition on the Roofs of Roman Petra  
   Pirjo Hamari, University of Helsinki

19.00 Dinner for the Speakers

Friday 30 November (Main Building, 3rd floor, Lecture Room 6)

9.10–10.00 Keynote Lecture: Citizens and Aliens: The Frontiers of Romanness  
   Maijastina Kahlos, University of Helsinki

10.00–10.40 Ravenna’s Eastern Contacts and its Mix of Latin and Greek Culture  
   Simon Malmberg, University of Bergen

10.40–11.10 Coffee Break

11.10–11.50 Constructing Group Identities: Judeo-Christian Reception of Cyrus the Great  
   Jaakkojuhani Peltonen, University of Tampere
11.50–13.00 Closing Discussion + Words (Raimo Hakola)