

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

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*Globalization, Urbanization and Urban Religion in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Roman and
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Wednesday 28 November (Vuorikatu 3, 5th floor, Room 532)

13.00–13.40 Opening words and Introduction of the Workshop Series *Globalization, Urbanization
and Urban Religion in the Eastern Mediterranean in the Roman and Early Islamic
period* (Raimo Hakola, Simon Malmberg, Eivind Heldaas Seland and Rubina Raja)

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

11.40–12.20 Architecture and Perception: The Synergy between Identities, built Environment and Globalization in the Roman Near East
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

14.40–15.20 Stepped Immersion Pools as Identity Strategy in a Globalised Roman World
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)