

**Saturday, 1st June 2019**

**Session 7: Germaniae**

9:00–10:00

Changing Burial Rites - Changing Identities? Late  
Antique Burial Practices on the Rhine Frontier

*Roland Prien, Heidelberg*

Transformation and Disappearance. Inscriptions in the  
Funerary Culture of Germania Superior in Late Antiquity

*Jonas Osnabrügge, Heidelberg*

10:00–10:30 Coffee Break

**Session 8: Galliae**

10:30–11:30

Inscriptions funéraires en contextes : de la nécropole à la  
tombe. Quelques exemples de l'Aquitaine tardo-antique

*Morgane Uberti, Madrid*

Levis aesto terra - Christliche Bestattungskultur im  
spätantiken Trier

*Hiltrud Merten, Trier*

**Session 9: Hispaniae**

11:30–12:30

Framing the Funeral World in Late Antique Hispania.  
Permanence and changes in funeral rites and practices

*Jorge López Quiroga, Madrid*

Bestattung und Kommemoration im frühchristlichen  
Hispanien. Inschriftliche, ikonographische und materielle  
Aspekte

*Achim Arbeiter, Göttingen*

**Conclusions**

12:30–13:00

*Kate Cooper, London / Philipp von Rummel, Berlin*

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**ABSTRACT**

Funerary practices and epitaphs are a central research field of Classical Studies. Especially in times of social, political and religious change, evidence from the tombs and their surroundings is a key factor in our understanding of continuity and transformation processes on multiple cultural levels. Late Antiquity was doubtlessly one of such transitional phases. However, research on burial practices and tomb inscriptions of this period is still very uneven. Although hundreds of necropoleis, coemeterial churches and individual tombs are known across the Late Antique World, a holistic documentation including epigraphic, iconographic, spatial and social analysis, as well as anthropological examination and natural scientific data, is mostly lacking. Through this conference we would like to undertake a start to fill some lacunae on Late Antique funerary research. First, we will try to link as many disciplines as possible in order to draw a more complete picture of sepulchral habits of Late Antiquity as it hitherto has been done. Secondly, we intend to give – for the first time – an Mediterranean-wide overview on Late Antique funerary landscapes, not only examining global trends, but also local and regional habits. Thirdly, we want to illustrate the potential of new contextual approaches; questions on the materiality and design of epitaphs and tombs, their visibility, perception and accessibility will be central guidelines of our conference.

**VENUE**

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30th May – 1st June 2019



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**Thursday, May 30th 2019**

15:00–16:00

Welcome

*Stephan Westphalen and Christian Witschel, Heidelberg*

Introduction

*Stefan Ardeleanu and Jon C. Cubas Díaz, Heidelberg***Session 1: North Africa**

16:00–18:00

Identity, Community and the Funerary Landscape at Bulla Regia in Late Antiquity

*Moheddine Chaouali, Tunis / Corisande Fenwick, London*

Materializing Death in Late Antique North Africa: Microregional Epitaphic Habits and Funerary Rituals Contextualized

*Stefan Ardeleanu, Heidelberg*

From Jorf Torba to Fom Larjam: Late Antique Painted Tombs of the North-Western Sahara

*David Mattingly, Leicester / Youssef Bokbot, Rabat*

18:00–18:30 Coffee Break

**Session 2: Egypt**

18:30–19:30

Hierarchien und soziale Phänomene in der Nekropole des Paulusklosters in Theben-West/Oberägypten

*Ina Eichner, Vienna*

Protection for Eternity – Graves in Late Antique and Byzantine Egypt

*Laura Willer, Heidelberg*

19:30 Reception



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**Friday, 31st May 2019****Session 3: Near East**

9:00–10:30

Appropriation, Invention, and Continuity: an Overview of Burial Practices from Roman to Late Roman Syria

*Lidewijde De Jong, Groningen*

Funerary Costums in Sacred Spaces. The Archaeological Evidence in the Provinces of Palaestina and Arabia

*Davide Bianchi, Vienna*

Christian Burials and Cemeteries in Proto-Byzantine Provincia Arabia (4th-7th cent. AD)

*Pierre-Louis Gatier, Lyon*

10:30–11:00 Coffee Break

**Session 4: Asia Minor**

11:00–13:00

Funerary Monuments as Textual Monuments. A Peculiar Mortuary Practice in Imperial Asia Minor re-considered

*Evelien Roels, Heidelberg*

Burials on the Move. The Mortuary Landscape of Ephesos in Late Antiquity

*Martin Steskal, Vienna*

Depicting the Self - Fulfilling Common Expectations. The Individual and the Collective in the Funerary Landscapes of Rough Cilicia

*Jon C. Cubas Díaz, Heidelberg*

Christianity and Funerary Traditions in Asia Minor

*Sylvain Destephen, Paris*

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

**Session 5: The Balkans**

14:30–16:00

Late Antique Burials in Corinth

*Jeremy Ott, Berkeley*

Late Antique Rich Burials in the Balkan Provinces (in the Diocese of Thrace, and the Northern Provinces of Eastern Illyricum)

*Julia Valeva, Sofia*

Late Roman, Early Christian and Early Medieval Graves at Salona

*Emilio Marin, Zagreb*

16:00–16:30 Coffee Break

**Session 6: Italy and Rome**

16:30–18:30

Spazi, monumenti, epigraphic habit: considerazioni sulle necropoli tardoantiche della parte orientale della Venetia et Histria

*Fulvia Mainardis, Trieste*

The Roman Catacombs: Reflections on Ownership, Spacial Use, and the Typology of Tombs. The Cases of Domitilla, Randanini and Marcellino e Pietro

*Norbert Zimmermann, Rome*

Paesaggi epigrafici nelle necropoli della Roma tardoantica: alcuni casi esemplari per una epigrafia archeologica

*Antonio Felle, Bari*

Papal Epitaphs and Burial Places in Medieval Rome – St. Peter's and St. John Lateran as Funerary Landscapes

*Wolf Zöllner, Heidelberg*

18:30 Reception

