



# New Perspectives on Romanization and Islamification

**July 9-11, 2020, Universität Hamburg**



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Romanization and Islamification, meaning the “Roman way of life” and Islamic culture, are two processes that continue to shape society today: RomanIslam plans to investigate the processes of cultural assimilation in the western Mediterranean, specifically on the Iberian Peninsula and in North Africa. These regions are ideal for comparative research on empires because structurally speaking, they had comparable economic significance for the Roman and Islamic Empires respectively as well as many other features in common.

Prior to assimilation there were two distinct cultures, the Celtiberian and the Berber, that were only superficially influenced by Greek culture. The Roman and Islamic Empires introduced to these an Eastern Imperial or Middle Eastern religion of salvation (Christianity and Islam respectively) in the guise of state religion. This historical situation in the first millennium allows researchers to develop new models and theories in the field of transcultural studies and comparative empire studies.

**Thursday July 9, 2020**

Warburghaus, Heilwigstraße 116, 20249 Hamburg

17.30 h **Sabine Panzram – Stefan Heidemann** (Universität Hamburg)

*Welcome and Introduction*

**Oliver Huck**, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities (Universität Hamburg)

**Sonia Ben Amor Ep Missaoui**, Generalconsul of Tunisia in Hamburg

**Pedro Villena Pérez**, Generalconsul of Spain in Hamburg

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**Sebastian Schmidt-Hofner** (Universität Tübingen)

*An Empire of the Best: Good Government and the Ideology  
of the Late Roman Aristocracy of Service*

**Abigail Balbale** (New York University)

*al-Andalus 8th/21st c.: The Islamic Conquest in Contemporary Debate*

20.00 h Reception



**Friday July 10, 2020**

Universität Hamburg, Edmund-Siemers-Allee 1 West / R 221, 20146 Hamburg

9.30 h **Sabine Panzram – Stefan Heidemann** (Universität Hamburg)

*Welcome and Introduction*

### **Romanization**

9.45 h **Martin Pitts** (University of Exeter)

*Romanization 2.0: Perspectives, Possibilities, and Practicalities*

### **Iberian Peninsula**

10.15 h **Diana Gorostidi Pi** (Institut Català d'Arqueologia Clàssica Tarragona)

*The Epigraphic Habit in Late Antiquity: The Case of the officina lapidaria at Tarraco*

10.45 h **Javier Arce** (Université de Lille)

*Villae and the Society of Late Roman Spain (4th-6th centuries)*

11.15 h Coffee Break

11.45 h **Lauro Olmo Enciso** (Universidad de Alcalá)

*From Visigoths to Arabs: Landscape and Transculturation in Central Iberia  
(6th-9th centuries)*

12.15 h **Darío Bernal Casasola** (Universidad de Cádiz)

*Late Roman Economy & Trade in Both Sides of the Strait of Gibraltar: Trends & Challenges*

### **North Africa**

12.45 h **Sabine Lefebvre** (Université de Bourgogne)

*The Epigraphy of the Provinces of North Africa:  
An Abundance of Documentary and Textual Richness*

13.30 h Lunch Break

15.30 h **Laurent Callegarin** (École des hautes études hispaniques et ibériques. Casa de Velázquez Madrid)

*Rome after Rome in North Africa*

16.00 h **Philipp von Rummel** (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Berlin)

*Africa and the Long Late Antiquity:  
The Example of Simitthus (Chimtou) in the Northwest of Tunisia*

16.30 h **Chokri Touihri** (Institut National du Patrimoine Tunis)

*The Africa – Ifriqiya Transition:  
Some Economic Effects of the Arab Conquest through Ceramic Studies*

17.00 h Coffee Break

17.30 h **Advisory Board Meeting**

20.30 h Dinner

## Saturday July 11, 2020

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### Transcultural and Comparative Empire Studies

9.30 h **Antje Flüchter** (Universität Bielefeld)

*Transculturality - Transculturalisation - A Crucial Topic for Contact Zones*

10.00 h **Antonio Álvarez Ossorio** (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid)

*Roman Empire and Monarchy of Spain: Areas of Analysis*

### Conflicting Narratives - The Imperial Perspective

10.30 h **Alejandro García-Sanjuán** (Universidad de Huelva)

*The Origins of al-Andalus; the Issue of the Sources*

11.00 h Coffee Break

11.30 h **Ramzi Roughi** (University of Southern California)

*Imperial Translations: The Berbers and the Questions of History*

12.00 h **Robert Hoyland** (New York University / Institute for the Study of the Ancient World)

*Unfreedom in Early Islam: Romanisation, Islamization or ad hoc Decision-Making?*

### Emergence of Islamic Scholarship

12.30 h **Maribel Fierro** (The Spanish National Research Council Madrid)

*The Emergence of the Group of Religious Scholars in al-Andalus*

13.30 h Lunch

15.30 h **Camilla Adang** (Tel Aviv University – Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies)

*Islamic Law in al-Andalus*

### Manuscripts and Documents

16.00 h **Amalia Zomeño Rodríguez** (The Spanish National Research Council Madrid)

*Early Islamic Iberian Documents and Manuscripts*

16.30 h **Jonathan Brockopp** (Penn State University / CSMC Hamburg)

*An Empire of Books*

17.00 h Coffee Break

### Material Culture

17.30 h **Abdel Hamid Fenina** (University of Tunis)

*À propos des termes du « marché » conclu entre Hārūn al-Rašīd et Ibrāhīm*

*b. al-Aqlab pour la fondation de l'émirat aqlabide. Le témoignage de la numismatique*

18.00 h **Corisande Fenwick** (University College London)

*Archaeology and Early Islamic North Africa: New Answers to Old Questions*

18.30 h **Felix Arnold** (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Madrid)

*The Contribution of Architectural History to the Study of Empires: Problems and Potentials*

### 19.00 h Roundtable Discussion / Final remarks

20.30 h Dinner

## Contact

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