

Imperial Cult in the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa: Challenges and Perspectives of Comparison

Modern historiography defines imperial cult as various religious manifestations and rituals that served to honour the Roman emperor as well as members of his family. Evidence of this practice can be found in Rome and in the Eastern and Western provinces from the Augustan period onwards, although with varying chronologies and effects. Due to the difficulties in defining this concept and delimiting its forms of expression, the Roman imperial cult has been a subject of long-standing enquiry. Over the last decades, new epigraphic and archaeological evidences have enormously enriched our knowledge. As a result, traditional approaches have been reconsidered and imperial cult is no longer seen as having purely political significance but rather characterized by religious meaning.

In this workshop we will discuss and analyse theoretical as well as practical aspects of the Roman imperial cult, attending to cases in the Iberian Peninsula and North Africa, bringing together new evidence and comparative and transcultural studies into a broader historical perspective.

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Feb. 13-14, 2025, Universität Hamburg



Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025

Warburghaus, Heilwigstraße 116, 20249 Hamburg

14.00 h **Dr. Noelia Cases Mora** (RomanIslam Center, Universität Hamburg)

Prof. Dr. Sabine Panzram (Universität Hamburg)

Welcome and Introduction

Chair: **Prof. Dr. Sabine Panzram** (Universität Hamburg)

14.30 h **Prof. Dr. Fernando Lozano** (Universidad de Sevilla)

The Imperial cult in the Roman World: New approaches and perspectives

15.15 h **Prof. Dr. Frédéric Hurlet** (Université Paris Nanterre)

*Vénérer, représenter et célébrer le prince dans la province d'Afrique
Proconsulaire sous le Haut-Empire. Bilan des recherches sur le "culte impérial"
et nouvelles perspectives*

16.00 h **Dr. Carmen Alarcón Hernández** (Universidad Pablo de Olavide Sevilla)

Imperial cults in Hispania: studies on emperors worship in the Iberian Peninsula

16.45 h Coffee Break



Dedication to Divus Augustus from Tarraco (CIL II²/14, 881), 1st c. AD.

Imperial cult in the Iberian Peninsula

Chair: **Dr. Noelia Cases Mora** (RomanIslam Center, Universität Hamburg)

17.15 h **Prof. Dr. Francisco Marco Simón** (Universidad de Zaragoza)

The Establishment of the Imperial Cult in the Hispanic Provinces: Agents, Variants and Contexts

18.00 h **Prof. Dr. Diana Gorostidi Pi** (Institut Català d'Arqueologia Clàssica)

Forma Provinciae. Mapping the territory through the flamines P(rovinciae) H(ispaniae) C(iterioris)

18.45 h **Prof. Dr. Juan Manuel Abascal Palazón** (Universidad de Alicante)

La influencia del culto imperial en el cambio de los hábitos epigráficos de la Hispania altoimperial

20.30 h Conference Dinner

Friday, Feb. 14, 2025

Warburghaus, Heilwigstraße 116, 20249 Hamburg

Imperial cult in North Africa

Chair: **Prof. Dr. Sabine Panzram** (Universität Hamburg)

9.00 h **Dr. Noelia Cases Mora** (Universität Hamburg)

The epithet Augustus in Hispania and the Mauretaniae: a comparative study

9.45 h **Dr. Stefan Ardeleanu** (Universität Tübingen)

The power of images - Political art from Imperial cult complexes in Roman North Africa

10.30 h **Prof. Dr. Sabine Lefebvre** (Université de Bourgogne)

Divus Commodus, une insertion parmi les divi: un nouvel objet du culte des divinisés ou un acte politique? L'exemple des provinces africaines

11.15 h Coffee Break

Chair: **Dr. Stefan Ardeleanu** (Universität Tübingen)

11.45 h **Prof. Dr. Valentino Gasparini** (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

Dear Mr. God... "Augustalization" and "Aristocratization" of Theonymy in North African Imperial Epigraphy

12.30 h **Dr. Samir Aounallah** (Institut National du Patrimoine Tunis)

Aspects du culte impérial à Dougga (Tunisie)

13.15 h **Prof. Dr. Fernando Lozano** (Universidad de Sevilla)

Prof. Dr. Sabine Panzram (Universität Hamburg)

Conclusions

14.00 h Conference Lunch



Altar of the Gens Augusta (Musée National du Bardo, Tunis), 1st c. AD.