

Roman identity is one of the most interesting cases of social identity because in the course of time, it could mean so many different things. Many scholars have dealt with its development in the course of Antiquity in recent years; some studies have also been devoted to the role of Roman identity in Byzantium. For the early medieval West, in spite of some valuable research, a comprehensive study is lacking. It is a difficult topic: Being Roman had many facets in the period, for instance, Greek-speaking subjects of the Byzantine empire, inhabitants of the city of Rome, autonomous civic or regional groups, Latin speakers under 'barbarian' rule in the West or, increasingly, representatives of the Church of Rome. Eventually, the Christian dimension of Roman identity gained ground. The shifting concepts of Romanness represent a methodological challenge for studies of ethnicity because, depending on its uses, Roman identity may be regarded as 'ethnic' in a broad sense, but under most criteria, it is not. Romanness is indeed a test case how an established and prestigious social identity can acquire many different shades of meaning, which we would class as civic, political, imperial, ethnic, cultural, legal, religious, regional or as status groups.

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**Tuesday, October 29**

Welcoming Address

*Concepts & Transformations*

**SESSION 1** 14:00 - 16:00  
Walter **POHL**  
Being Roman after Rome:  
*a Multiple Identity and its Changes*

Helmut **REIMITZ**  
Boundaries of Romanness  
in Sixth-Century Gaul

*Coffee 16:00-16:30*

**SESSION 2** 16:30 - 18:00  
Fritz **MITTHOF**  
When the Empire Became  
»Roman«: *Latin Inscriptions  
and the New Concept of  
Romanness in Late Antiquity*

Philipp **VON RUMMEL**  
Hubert **FEHR**  
No Romans at all? *Concepts  
of Romanness in Early Medieval  
Archaeology*

*19:30 Dinner*



**Wednesday, October 30**

**SESSION 3** 9:00 - 10:30  
Guy **HALSALL**  
Transformations of  
Romanness

Richard **CORRADINI**  
Res Publica and Romanitas  
in Augustine

*Coffee 10:30-11:00*

**SESSION 4** 11:00 - 12:30  
Yitzhak **HEN**  
»Roman« Christians

Rosamond **MCKITTERICK**  
Romanness and Rome in  
the Early Middle Ages

*Lunch 12:30-13:30*

*Populations & Regions:  
Britain and the Frankish World*

**SESSION 5** 13:30 - 15:00  
Alex **WOOLF**  
The British Language:  
*a Legacy of Rome?*

Robin **FLEMING**  
Struggling to be Roman in  
a Former Roman Province

*Coffee 15:00-15:30*

**SESSION 6** 15:30 - 17:00  
Jamie **KREINER**  
Romanness in Merovingian  
Hagiography

Katharina **WINCKLER**  
Romanness at the Eastern  
Fringes of the Frankish  
World

*Coffee 17:00-17:30*

**SESSION 7** 17:30 - 19:00  
Stefan **ESDERS**  
Roman Law in the Frankish  
Kingdoms (6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> centuries)

Lukas **BOTHE**  
Between Discrimination and  
Legal Pluralism: *Romans in  
Frankish Law*

*19:30 Dinner*

**Thursday, October 31**

*Populations & Regions:  
the Western Mediterranean*

**SESSION 8** 9:30-11:00  
Thomas **GRANIER**  
Rome and the Romans  
in Latin Southern Italian  
Sources, 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> centuries

Annick **PETERS-CUSTOT**  
Between Rome and  
Constantinople: *the Romanness  
of Byzantine Southern Italy (9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>  
centuries)*

*Coffee 11:00-11:30*

**SESSION 9** 11:30-13:00  
Javier **ARCE**  
Goths and Romans in  
Visigothic Spain

Roland **STEINACHER**  
Staying and Becoming  
Roman as well as the Other  
Way Round: *Africa in the First  
Millennium*

*Lunch 13:00-14:00*

*Populations & Regions:  
the Eastern Mediterranean*

**SESSION 10** 14:00 - 16:00  
Johannes **KODER**  
Remarks on the Linguistic  
Romanness in Byzantium

Ioannis **STOURAITIS**  
Byzantine Romanness:  
*Ethnic, National or Class  
identity?*

Francesco **BORRI**  
Dalmatian Romans and  
their Adriatic Neighbours

*Coffee 16:00-16:30*

**SESSION 11** 16:30-18:00  
Jack **TANNOUS**  
Romanness in Arabic and  
Syriac Sources in Late  
Antique/Early Islamic Syria

Bernhard **PALME**  
Rhomaioi, Hellenes, and  
Barbaroi in Late Antique  
Egypt

*19:00 Dinner*