Global and Local Cultures in the Roman East:

From Domination to Interaction

Workshop at the Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki

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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 Cults, Cultures and People at Gerasa from the Roman to the Early Islamic Period

*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: Early Christian Reception of Cyrus the Great

*Jaakkojuhani Peltonen, King’s College London*

*11.50–13.00 Closing Discussion + Words (Raimo Hakola)*