#### 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 - a 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; guestions on the materiality and design of epitaphs and tombs, their visibility, perception and accessibility will be central guidelines of our conference.

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30th May - 1st June 2019







#### **PROGRAMME**

## 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 Foum 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 Paulosklosters 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, Göttingen / Heidelberg

Christianity and Funerary Traditions in Asia Minor *Sylvain Destephen, Paris* 

13:00–14:30 Lunch Break

Session 5: Southeastern Europe 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, Triest

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 Zöller, Heidelberg* 

18:30 Reception

