

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 (6th-9th 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, 8th-11th centuries

Annick **PETERS-CUSTOT**
Between Rome and
Constantinople: *the Romanness of Byzantine Southern Italy (9th-11th 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