

Constructing City Walls in Late Antiquity: an empire-wide perspective

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Late antique urban walls are an important aspect of late antique cities throughout the eastern and western empire that dramatically reshaped and redefined the urban landscape; however, their final appearance and construction techniques varied greatly. The gradual increase in the number of studies on the topic, both for the Byzantine East and the Roman West, has allowed us to rethink how urban circuits were built and has led to new topics of discourse. This conference, to be held at the British School at Rome and the Swedish Institute of Classical Studies on 20th – 21st June 2018, will focus on fortification walls, with a specific focus on large cities, in the late antique East and West (3th-6th centuries AD). The aim will be to re-think regional, local, and empire-wide differences and similarities within this single class of monument. The geographic focus of the conference will be intentionally wide, in an attempt to break the divide between East and West and gain, for the first-time, an empire-wide perspective.

Topics covered by the event will include, but will not be limited to:

- Comparative analysis of building techniques and construction processes at regional and empire-wide levels;
- *Spolia* and the impact of the urban landscape;
- Perception of city walls in Late Antiquity and the post-Antique period;
- Comparative scientific analyses;

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY 1: 20TH JUNE, SWEDISH INSTITUTE OF CLASSICAL STUDIES IN ROME

9:00-9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30-10:00

INTRODUCTION

Organising Committee and Kristian Göransson (Director of the Swedish Institute)

10:00-10:30

POWER AND GLORY: CEREMONIAL GATES IN ROME AND CONSTANTINOPLE IN THE TIME OF THE THEODOSIAN DYNASTY

Jim Crow (University of Edinburgh)

10:30-11:00

LAST CITY WALL PROJECT IN CÓRDOBA DURING LATE ANTIQUITY. CHANGING STRUCTURES AND NEW INVESTIGATION PERSPECTIVE IN LATE ANTIQUITY

Christopher Courault, Universidad de Córdoba

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:00

LATE ROMAN CITY WALLS IN *HISPANIA*. A REAPPRAISAL

Carmen Fernández Ochoa, Ángel Morillo Cerdán, University Complutense of Madrid

12:00-12:30

THE CITY WALLS OF LUSITANIA REVISITED: A CURRENT PERSPECTIVE

Adrian Maan, United Arab Emirates University

12:30-1:00

RESAFA'S CITY WALL AND EARTHEN RAMPARTS - SYNERGISTIC FORTIFYING ELEMENTS OR INDEPENDENT FEATURES?

Catharine Hof, Historische Bauforschung, Technische Universität Berlin

1:00-2:00 LUNCH

2:00-2:30

BUILDING LATE ANTIQUE APHRODISIAS: THE CITY WALL AS ONE PROJECT AMONG MANY

Peter de Staebler, Pratt Institute, New York

2:30-3:00

BETWEEN TRADITION AND INNOVATION – BUILDING TECHNIQUES AT THE FORTIFICATION WALLS OF LATE ANTIQUE ANTIOCH

Christiane Brasse, Universitäten Tübingen

3:00-3:30

PALMYRA'S LATE ANTIQUE CITY WALL: AN EMPIRE-WIDE APPROACH

Emanuele Intagliata, Centre for Urban Network Evolutions, Aarhus University

3:30-4:00 COFFEE BREAK

4:00-4:30:

DEFENCE, IDENTITY AND TRANSFORMATION IN THE LATE ROMAN CITIES FROM SCYTHIA MINOR
Cristina-Georgeta Alexandrescu, Institutul de Arheologie "Vasile Parvan", Romania

4:30-5:30

DISCUSSION

6:00 DRINKS RECEPTION AT THE SWEDISH INSTITUTE

DAY 2: 21ST JUNE, BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME

9:00-9:30

THE CITY WALL OF SEGNI IN LATE ANTIQUITY. URBANISTIC AND TOPOGRAPHIC PROBLEMS
Francesco M. Cifarelli, Sovrintendenza di Roma Capitale, Federica Colaiacono, Museo Archeologico Comunale di Segni

9:30-10:00

HOW "URBAN" WERE LATE ROMAN URBAN DEFENCES IN GAUL?
Simon Esmonde Cleary, University of Birmingham

10:00-10:30

THE CITY WALLS IN MIDDLE ROMAN CITIES DURING LATE ANTIQUITY
Marc Heijmans, French National Centre for Scientific Research, Centre Camille Jullian

10:30-11:00

LATE ROMAN URBAN DEVELOPMENT RESTRICTED FROM THE MIDDLE ROMAN CITY FORTIFICATION?
THE CASE OF AUGUSTA TREVERORUM (TRIER, GERMANY)
Michael Drechsler, Universität zu Köln

11:00-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:00

DISMANTLING, RE-CARVING AND RE-USING: SOME OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE LATE ANTIQUE CITY
WALL OF AGEDINCUM (SENS, FRANCE)
Mathieu Ribote, Lamy Pierre-Antoine, Université de Bourgogne

12:30-1:00

THE LATE ROMAN CITY WALL OF LONDON
Simon Barker, Norwegian Institute in Rome

1:00-2:00 LUNCH

2:00-2:30

POPES, SENATORS, BARONS, AND POPES AGAIN: THE AURELIAN WALL FROM THE 11TH TO THE
15TH CENTURY
Hendrik Dey, Hunter College, New York

2:30-3:00

LIVING IN THE SHADOW OF THE PAST: SECONDARY USE OF THE EARLY BYZANTINE FORTRESS AT ISTHMIA

Jon M. Frey, Michigan State University

3:00-3:30

WALLS IN ASIA MINOR IN THE ACCOUNTS OF EUROPEAN TRAVELLERS

Michael Greenhalgh, Australian National University

3:30-4:00

DISCUSSION

4:00

CONCLUSION

4:30 DRINKS RECEPTION AT THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME

5:15-6:30

VISIT TO THE AURELIAN WALL

Hendrik Dey, Hunter College, New York