

ESF Exploratory Workshop on

**Roman colonization under the
Republic:
Towards a new interpretative framework**

Ravenstein (the Netherlands), November 9-12, 2010

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SCIENTIFIC REPORT

1. Executive summary

The workshop was held at the Soeterbeeck conference centre at Ravenstein, The Netherlands, from 9 to 12 November 2010. It brought together 21 scholars working in 9 different countries. On the evening of 9 November the participants were welcomed by the organisers at the conference centre where dinner was served. The next day, the workshop started with a welcome by Eric Moormann, chair of the department of classical archaeology at the University of Nijmegen, which co-sponsored the event, followed by an introduction to the ESF by Sophia Kremydi.

The conference aimed at an exploration of new developments in the study of Roman colonization in the Republican period in different fields such as historiography, ancient history and archaeology. In order to pursue this goal, the organisers sought to bring together specialists working in different fields, which sometimes tend to coincide with national boundaries, to explore how recent trends in these different fields relate to each other, and whether more communication and collaboration could be fruitful for developing our understanding of Roman colonization and expansion under the Republic.

The workshop was organized thematically and consisted of five interdisciplinary sessions with papers of 20-25 minutes and a 5-10 discussion after every two papers as well as session discussions. Every day two sessions were held.

The first day, an introduction to the workshop theme and two initial papers were given by the convenors, which formed the prelude to a session on current questions and definitions in Roman republican colonisation. The afternoon session dealt with the relationship between forms of urbanism and colonisation. On Thursday 11 November two sessions were held, one on rural areas and related socio-political issues, and one on religious aspects of colonisation.

The morning session of Friday 12 November focused on the creation of centrality of Rome under the republic and beyond, and the conference closed on this day with a final discussion session on possible follow-up collaborations.

Participants agreed that the workshop was highly successful in stimulating interaction and collaboration in different disciplines and fields, giving scholars the opportunity to discuss their research with a group of experts with widely varying academic backgrounds. In this way, it enabled a thorough discussion of both general research trends and agenda's and specific issues which were demonstrated to benefit from different approaches or perspectives. The closed character of the

meeting, enhanced by the isolated location of the conference centre in an ancient nunnery, contributed importantly to the interaction and discussion between participants.

2. Scientific content of the event

The papers fell into the following sessions:

1) Roman colonization. Questions, Definitions, Backgrounds and Comparanda.

This first session included discussions on the morphology and structure of colonial communities through sacred and legal arguments, and important discussions of the relationship of imperial strategies and colonization as well as comparanda in different areas.

2) Urban forms and transformations.

The second session focused on archaeological evidence for urbanization and changes in the urban lay-out, as well as its relationship, or the lack of a relationship, to Roman models.

3) The rural areas and socio-political issues.

This third session discussed both legal and archaeological perspectives on the organisation of landscapes and colonial communities and aspect of their relationship to Rome.

4) The religious dimension of colonization.

The fourth session engaged with cults and religious institutions in colonies, and the ways these were established in both new and existing communities.

5) The creation of Roman centrality. This session consisted of two papers on different aspects of the Capitoline cult and its adaptativity in different contexts, as well as its continued relationship to developments in Rome itself.

6) Final discussion. In this general discussion session, possible follow-up activities were discussed (cf. below).

3. Assessment of the results, contribution to the future direction of the field, outcome

Publication

It was agreed to prepare an edited volume on the subject of the conference which will be based on the papers presented during the conference and the ensuing discussions, and which will be complemented by additional chapters on subjects which could not be covered during the conference, which will be solicited from other authors. First drafts of contributions will circulate amongst the participants for feedback. A wiki will be created to facilitate this internal reviewing. The deadline for submission of these first drafts is April 2011. The final deadline is set on September 2011.

Network opportunities and new projects

One of the most important goals of the workshop was to bring together scholars working in different research traditions. The lively and fruitful discussions during the conference attested to the value of such multi-disciplinary meetings and all participants expressed a great interest in creating a network that can stimulate this cross-fertilisation also in the future. Several possibilities have been discussed and it was agreed to schedule new meetings in the near future (on this below) and to create a wiki which will be used to facilitate communication between the participants of this network. Regrettably, we were informed that the 2010 call for ESF networking programs had been cancelled and that different sources for finance will have to be obtained.

Further meetings

A second meeting on the subject of Roman republican colonisation is already scheduled for October 2011 in Glasgow, to be organised by Alicia Jimenez, Tesse Stek and Peter van Dommelen.

4. Final programme

Tuesday 9 November 2010

Afternoon *Arrival*
19.00 *Get-together in Ravenstein, Conference centre; Dinner*

Wednesday 10 November 2010

09.00-09.15 Welcome by Co-Sponsor **Eric M. Moormann** (Chair Classical Archaeology, Radboud University Nijmegen)

09.15-09.30 **Presentation of the European Science Foundation (ESF)**
Sophia Kremydi (National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, GR, Standing Committee for the Humanities [SCH])

09.30-15.30 First Session: Roman colonization. Questions, Definitions, Backgrounds and Comparanda

9.30-10.00 **Roman colonization under the Republic: towards a new interpretative framework/ Territory and community: the contribution of colonial sacred landscapes**
Tesse Stek (Oxford University, Oxford, UK)

10.00-10.30 **Roman colonization and the city-state model**
Jeremia Pelgrom (VU University Amsterdam, Leiden University, NL)

10.30-11.00 *Coffee / Tea Break*

11.00-11.30 **Private *Vires*, Public *Virtus*. Family agendas and Republican expansion**
Nicola Terrenato (University of Michigan, Michigan, US)

11.30-12.00 **Roman colonisation in the light of new perspectives on mid Republican imperialism**
Guy Bradley (Cardiff University, Cardiff, UK)

12.00-12.30 **Discussion**

12.30-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-14.30 **Roman Colonization under the Republic: some Hellenistic comparanda**
Ed Bispham (Oxford University, Oxford, UK)

14.30-15.00 **What was non-Roman about Roman colonization?**
Michael Crawford (UCL, London, UK)

15.00-15.30 **Discussion**

15.30-16.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

16.00-18.30 **Second Session: Urban forms and transformations**

- 16.00-16.30 **Roman Republican colonies in Central Adriatic Italy: archaeological evidence and historical data for the urban centers**
Frank Vermeulen / Cristina Corsi (Ghent University, Ghent, BE/ University of Cassino, Cassino, IT)
- 16.30-17.00 **Veränderungen vormals großgriechischer Kolonien bei Annektierung in das römische Herrschaftsgebiet – Das Beispiel Poseidonia – Paestum**
Eva-Maria Lackner (Universität Heidelberg, Heidelberg, DE)
- 17.00-17.30 **Gellius, colonization, and the model/replica debate**
Jamie Sewell (Humboldt Universität, Berlin, DE)
- 17.30-18.30 **Discussion**
- 19.00 *Dinner*

Thursday 11 November 2010

09.00-13.00 **Third Session: The rural areas and socio-political issues**

- 09.00-09.30 **The Pontine region, laboratory of Roman colonization?**
Peter Attema (Groningen University, Groningen, NL)
- 9.30-10.00 **Maritime colonies**
Luuk de Ligt (Leiden University, Leiden, NL)
- 10.00-10.30 *Coffee / Tea Break*
- 10.30-11.00 **La colonisation romaine républicaine pour la construction des espaces <ripariens> en Italie**
Ella Hermon (Université Laval, Québec, CA)
- 11.00-11.30 **Colonisation et <indigènes> dans l' Italie antique**
Michel Tarpin (Université de Grenoble 2, Grenoble, FR)
- 11.30-12.00 **Discussion**
- 12.00-14.00 *Lunch*

14.00-17.30 **Fourth Session: The religious dimension of colonization**

- 14.00-14.30 **The religious roles of colonial triumvirs**
Fay Glinister (University of Cardiff, Cardiff, UK)
- 14.30-15.00 **Tutelary Deities and the Colonies**
Marion Boos (Technische Universität Darmstadt, Darmstadt, DE)
- 15.00-15.30 *Coffee / tea break*
- 15.30-16.00 **The cult of Apollo in Roman colonization**
Andrea Carini (Università di Perugia, Perugia, IT)
- 16.00-16.30 **Il santuario di Ercole ad Alba Fucens: nuovi dati dai recenti scavi**
Daniela Liberatore (Università di Foggia, Foggia, IT)
- 16.30-17.30 **Discussion**
- 19.00 *Dinner*

Friday 12 November 2010

09.00-11.00	Fifth Session: The creation of Roman centrality
09.00-09.30	Coloniae and the Capitol Nicholas Purcell (Oxford University, Oxford, UK)
09.30-10.00	<i>"... cum primum civitas Romana adacta est (IRT, 412)". The Capitolium of Lepcis Magna</i> Mario Torelli (Università di Perugia, Perugia, IT)
10.00-10.30	Discussion
10.30-11.00	<i>Coffee / Tea Break</i>
11.00-13.00	Sixth Session: Discussion of new lines of research and possible collaborations/networks / arrangements for follow-up activities
13.00-14.00	<i>Lunch and End of Workshop</i>
<i>Afternoon</i>	<i>departure</i>

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6. Statistical information on participants

Gender repartition: 14 male, 7 female

Age structure: youngest 28, oldest 73 (further details unknown, but the group consisted of a mix of established researchers and early career researchers)

Country of origin:

1 Canada
1 USA
1 Belgium
1 France
1 Greece
3 Germany
3 Netherlands
4 Italy
6 United Kingdom