

IMPERIALISM AND IDENTITIES
AT THE EDGES OF THE ROMAN WORLD 2
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We are happy to announce the call for papers for the second conference Imperialism and Identities at the Edges of the Roman World. The conference covers the range of topics including the social interactions directly or indirectly connected to the Roman socio-political system operating for several centuries in the Mediterranean and continental parts of Europe, Asia and Africa. The term Roman world should be understood loosely, as diverse sorts of heterogeneities somehow related to the power centered in Rome. In other words, the *Roman world* here implies a number of social, economic, cultural and other ties that various communities and individuals had with the dominant socio-political structure of the age. In this context, the *edges* in the title do not mean only peripheral areas of the Roman Empire and dynamics between the “Roman” and various local societies in the border zones, but also the social groups and phenomena at the fringes of what could be called Roman elites’ social networks. The notion *identities* refers to different means of (self)identification, categorization, social positioning etc. and practices involved in such processes, both in terms of individuals and collectivities who were affected by Rome’s imperial politics. It is used primarily to emphasize the ongoing change of views on the “Roman world” from the static concept of “Roman/civilization” vs. “native/barbaric” dichotomy to more complex comprehensions of this segment of the past.

The goal of the conference is to enable an open discussion on variety of approaches to these problems from different theoretical positions, as well as variety of disciplinary perspectives (archaeology, history, anthropology, art history, heritage studies). The IIERW is set to establish a wide network of scholars with different academic backgrounds and research experiences dealing with the Roman imperialism and related issues. Besides the topics and areas of research which (due to their actuality and wide interest) remained the same as in the previous meeting, the second conference will also direct attention to reflexive views on our disciplines, their epistemology and the topic of reception and modern usage of the Roman past.

The main topics of the conference are:

- Relations between the Roman imperialism and regional/local communities, “non-elite” or “marginal” social categories of various sorts (global and local social/cultural trends and the creation of different life-experiences)
- Social and cultural dynamics in the areas of interaction (contact, conflict, resistance and coexistence)
- Complexity, variety and intersections of social/cultural realities and imaginations
- Diversity of construction and communication of identities
- Reflexive history of Roman studies
- Roman heritage

For the sake of clarity these topics could be narrowed down on the following issues (which are not strict thematic sections, but suggested general guidelines):

- General theoretical perspectives and methodology
- Social structure, organization and practices
- Economy and technology
- Military and diplomatic relations
- Settlements and dwelling customs
- Funeral and burial practices
- Art and material culture
- Religion and cult activities
- “Daily life“ and entertainment
- Understanding and utilization of the Roman past in the contemporary world
- Roman studies’ relations with the general public

Special sessions will be organized for senior students, who are also invited to contribute to the conference. The conference will be held at the Petnica Science Center, near Valjevo (Western Serbia), some two hours driving from Belgrade. All the details of accommodation, participation fees and travel advices will be announced in due time (until the end of March).

Confirmed speakers:

David Mattingly (University of Leicester), **Thomas Grane** (University of Copenhagen), **Bernarda Županek** (City Museum of Ljubljana), **Benjamin Isaac** (University of Tel Aviv), **Tatjana Cvjetičanin** (National Museum Belgrade), **Vladimir D. Mihajlović** (University of Novi Sad), **Marko Janković** (Belgrade University),

Time-line:

April 15th – deadline for the submission of abstracts

April 30th –the list of confirmed speakers

July 31 st – deadline for acomodation booking

August 31st –the final program of the conference

Abstracts submission:

If You are interested in participating the conference, please submit Your abstract to the following email: markojankovicc@gmail.com. Submitted abstracts should be up to 250 words long. Authors should include up to five keywords, names of the author/s and their full afiliation.

Conference fees:

Date	Price	
September 17th	35 €	Day before conference (optional)
September 18th	35 €	Conference day
September 19th	35 €	Conference day
September 20st	35 €	Conference day
September 21nd	35 €	Conference day
September 22rd	/	Last day
Participation fee	30 €	

It is possible for all of the participants to pay separately for each day of the conference according to their individual plans. The price of 35 €per day includes acommodation, three meals and all the costs of PS Center resources (wirelees internet, library, transport from Valjevo...). Participants will receive the book of abstracts together with the other conference material.

If You have any other question, suggestion or comments do not hesitate to contact us.

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