



Divergent Discourses on Roman Colonization

SIGONIUS, LIPSIUS, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF ROMAN COLONIAL STUDIES

In late sixteenth-century antiquarian scholarship, two very different views on Roman colonization were developed that greatly influenced the study and understanding of Roman colonialism and imperial strategy ever since. On the one hand, the Italian scholar Carolus Sigonius (1520-1584) meticulously analyzed Roman republican colonization as a vehicle of social emancipation and agrarian reform. On the other, the position exemplified by the Dutch scholar Justus Lipsius (1547-1606) presented Roman colonization as a laudable model of attaining military and cultural hegemony. These two divergent perspectives have been adopted and adapted in different practical and ideological contexts, from European colonialism in the Americas to modern theories of Roman imperial strategy, private property and state formation.

PROGRAMME

Session 1: Renaissance views on Roman colonization and land distribution

10.00-10.45:

Dr. William Stenhouse (Yeshiva University, NY)
Colonies and the Roman Empire before Sigonius

10.45-11.30

Prof. Jan Papy (Leuven)
Sigonius and Lipsius, comparisons and differences

11.30-11.45: Coffee break

11.45-12.30

Prof. John Rich (Nottingham)
*Sigonius, Panvinius and the *antiquum ius Italiae**

12.30-13.15

Dr. Mattia Balbo (Rome)
Sigonius e le leggi agrarie

13.15-14.30: Lunch

Session 2: Rome as a colonial model and the development of Roman colonial studies

14.30-15.15

Dr. Arthur Weststeijn (KNIR)
Seventeenth-century conceptions of colonization

15.15-16.00

Dr. Mark Somos (Harvard/Tufts)
Sigonius in projects to reform the British Imperial constitution, 1764-1781

16.00-16.15: Coffee break

16.15-17.00:

Dr. Jeremia Pelgrom (KNIR)
Roman colonization in nineteenth century social theory

17.00-17.45

Prof. Luigi Capogrossi Colognesi (Rome)
La colonizzazione Romana nella storiografia del Novecento: punti di forza e problemi aperti

17.45-18.30:

Concluding discussion, with introduction by Prof. Christopher Smith (BSR)

18.30-19.30: Drinks

This symposium is organized by Jeremia Pelgrom and Arthur Weststeijn in the contexts of the KNIR research projects 'Landscapes of Early Roman Colonization' and 'Republican Empire. The Ideological Origins of Dutch Colonialism'

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