

ROME AND THE COLONIAL CITY

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Rome, following Greek models, spread its power across the Mediterranean by founding hundreds, if not thousands of new cities. These "colonies", unlike older cities which evolved over time, including Athens and Rome, were based on a grid layout. That layout then influenced the form of new city foundations in Medieval Europe, in the New World after 1492, down to its most brazen imitation by Mussolini. What were the ideals that lay behind these new cities, and particularly their grid layout? This conference pulls together specialists on antiquity, the middle ages and the modern period to question some of the "colonialist" assumptions in the literature, and to look at the changing ways in which antiquity has influenced modern urbanism.



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DAY ONE IDEALS OF THE CITY

28th January, British School at Rome

09.00 Welcome and Introduction

Morning session chair: Dieter Mertens (Rome)

09.30 Irad Malkin (Tel Aviv) *Greek Colonies and Ideals of Equality*

10.15 Tesse Stek (KNIR) *Roman Republican Colonisation*

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 Andrew Wallace-Hadrill (Cambridge) *Vitruvius' Ideal city and its Reception*

12.15 Edward Zychowicz-Coghill (Cambridge) *Foundation Narratives of Early Islamic Cities*

13.00 LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon session chair: Stephen Milner (BSR)

14.30 Keith Lilley (Belfast) *Urban Ideals in the Medieval World: Spatial Order, Ruling the Realm and the Designs of Towns under Edward I*

15.15 Sam Otteywill-Soulsby (Cambridge) *The Making of Men and Cities: Francesco Eiximenis and Urban Development*

16.00 TEA BREAK

16.30 Reuben Rose-Redwood (Victoria) *The Grid Enframed: Mapping the Enframings of the American Grid*

17.15 Discussant: Lisa Fentress (Rome)

18.00 Drinks Reception at BSR

DAY TWO COLONISATION AND URBAN EXPERIMENTATION

29th January, British School at Rome

Morning session chair: Cristina Corsi (Cassino)

09.30 Alessandro Lanaro (Cambridge) *Urban Design and Latin Colonisation (4th -3rd Century B.C.): The view from Interamna Lirenas*

10.15 Alessia Morigi (Parma) *L'Esperimento dell'Imperfezione: la Pratica dell'Insediamento Urbano in Emilia Romagna tra Sviluppo Spontaneo, Piano Regolatore, e Re-editing Postantico*

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 Andrew Dufton (Edinburgh) *The Long-term Aspects of Urban Foundation in the Cities of Africa Proconsularis*

12.15 Frank Vermeulen (Ghent) *From Potentia to Porto Recanati: The Roman Coastal Colony and its Modern Legacy*

13.00 LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon session chair: Robert Coates-Stephens (Rome)

14.30 Efthymios Rizos (Oxford) *No Colonies and No Grids: New cities in the East Roman Empire from Diocletian to Justinian*

15.15 Wim Boerefijn (Amsterdam) *New Towns of the 12th - 14th Centuries and the Grid Plan*

16.00 TEA BREAK

16.30 Felipe Fernández Armesto (Notre Dame) *"The Romans Whom We have to Imitate:" Retrospection in Spanish American Civic Works*

17.15 Discussant: Bryan Ward-Perkins (Oxford)

18.00 Drinks Reception at BSR

DAY THREE THE COLONIAL GRID

30th January, Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome

Morning session chair: Amira Bennison (Cambridge)

09.30 Javier Martínez Jiménez (Cambridge) *Foundational Grids and Urban Communities in the Iberian Peninsula, in Antiquity and the Middle Ages*

10.15 Martin Millett (Cambridge) *From Falerii to Aldborough*

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.30 Sofia Greaves (Cambridge) *Re-imagining the Grid in the 19th Century: To be, or not to be Rome*

12.15 Said Ennahid (Ifrane, Morocco) *The French Colonial City in North Africa: A View from Archaeology and Urban Planning*

13.00 LUNCH BREAK

Afternoon session chair: Rosamond McKitterick (Cambridge)

14.30 Aristotle Kallis (Keele) *Roma Rediviva: the Uses of Roman Heritage in Fascist-era Urbanism*

15.15 Flaminia Bartolini (Cambridge) *Colonising the Eternal City: the Fascist Grid between Rome's City Centre and the EUR district*

16.00 TEA BREAK

16.30 Robin Cormack (Cambridge) *Planning the Colonial Capital: Khartoum and New Delhi*

17.15 Discussant: Jeremia Pelgrom (Groningen)

18.00 Drinks Reception at KNIR