



## (R)MA/PHD SEMINAR

Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome

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# *Early Roman Imperialism in the Making*

The question how Rome won its empire is as old as the study of Roman history, yet still remains unanswered. Traditionally, ancient textual sources were used to describe and explain Roman imperial success, but recent scholarship has increasingly questioned such traditional explanatory models: these texts were written long after Rome's initial expansion between the 6th and 3rd centuries BC, and are therefore not well suited to understand the motivations and mechanisms behind Rome's early expansion.

This course will therefore depart instead from the archaeological evidence to better understand why and how Rome was able to dominate its regional competitors, the Italian peninsula and, ultimately, the Mediterranean and beyond. The approach we take is a regional and diachronic one: we will study both the archaeology of Rome itself and the surrounding areas of Latium and Etruria, with a focus on Rome's main competitors and the colonies it founded as part of its expansion in the late Regal, early and mid-Republican periods. Through visits of archaeological key sites (many of which are usually closed to the public), lectures by guest experts, and your own approach to a topic of choice, you will gain insight in the changing socio-economic and cultural context of Roman expansion.



### CREDITS

6 ECTS

### MORE INFO

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