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XVI WORKSHOP IMPACT OF EMPIRE  
SEVILLA 2024

16th Workshop of the Network Impact of Empire  
Seville, 22-25 May 2024

*Opposition to empire:  
anti-imperial actions and arguments in the shaping  
of the Roman Empire*

**Wednesday 22 May**

**Paraninfo de la Universidad de Sevilla**

**15:30-16:00**      **Credentials**

**16.00**            **Welcome and introduction.**

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## Session 1

**Chair: Elena Muñiz Grijalvo, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla**

- 16.30-17.05: **Stéphane Benoist (University of Lille)**  
Greek Debates about Roman Origins, Destiny, and Power, from Mithridatic Wars to the Severi.
- 17.05-17.40: **Juan Manuel Cortés-Copete (Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla)**  
An alternative History of the Second Century AD: Good and Bad Emperors in the *Oracula Sibyllina*.
- 17.40-18.15: **Benjamin Jerue (Universidad San Jorge, Zaragoza, Spain)**  
An Ancient Precedent for Contemporary Critiques of Rome: Mettius Fufetius and Anti-Roman Sentiment in Dionysius of Halicarnassus, *Antiquitates Romanae* Book 3
- 18.15-18.50: **Pierre Cosme (Université de Rouen)**  
Les discours des adversaires de l'Empire romain dans les récits des guerres du Ier siècle de notre ère (d'Arminius à Calgacus)
- 20:30 **Conference Dinner** (Casa Carmen, c/ Santander, 15)

**Thursday 23 May**  
**Aula Profesor Carriazo**  
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**Session 2**

**Chair: Rosario Moreno Soldevila, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla**

- 9.00-9.35: **Martina Russo (Sapienza Università di Roma)**  
“Tiberium in Tiberim”: Tiberius’ opponents in  
Suetonius’ *De vita Caesarum*
- 9.35-10.10: **Panayiotis Christoforou (University of Oxford)**  
Poetic Discourse in Response to Roman Power

**Coffee**

**Session 3:**

**Chair: Fernando Lozano, Universidad de Sevilla**

- 10.40-11.15: **Livia Capponi (Università di Pavia)**  
Opposition to the Roman Empire in the *Acta*  
*Alexandrinorum*
- 11.15-11.50: **Rolf Strootman (Utrecht University)**  
Oppositional imperialisms: The Roman Appropriation  
of Hellenistic anti-Roman Propaganda

11.50-12.25: **Giorgos Mitropoulos (University of Athens / University of Crete)**

*Falsi Neronis ludibrio*: The false Neros and the Idea of Empire

12.25-13.00: **Juan Ballesteros (Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla)**

*Quae mala in se contineret imperium* (HA MA 5.4): Stoicism, Tacitism and Cynicism in the anti-imperial Discourse of the *Historia Augusta*.

## **Lunch**

## **Session 4**

**Chair: Francisco Pina Polo, Universidad de Zaragoza**

15.00-15.35: **Nikolas Hächler (University of Zürich)**

Opposing Jupiter's Reign. Lactantius' anti-imperial Stance in his Critique of the Pagan Roman Empire

15.35-16.10: **Johannes Hahn (Universität Münster)**

The Donatist Opposition to the Roman State - Origins, Development and Ideology

## Session 5

**Chair: Cristina Rosillo López, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla**

16.10-16:45: **Elena Torregaray Pagola (Universidad del País Vasco)**

Sophonisba *in vestibulum*: One or Many Women against Rome?

## Coffee

17.15-17.50: **Elena Köstner (University of Regensburg)**

Empire of Men - Empire without Women? On the Question of Positioning the Patrix in the mythical Past of Rome

17.50-18.25: **Leire Lizarategui Elu (Universidad del País Vasco)**

Resistance against Rome in Judea and the mediating Role of the Herodian Women

**Friday 24 May**  
**Sala de Tesis del Edificio 45**  
**Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla**

**Session 6**

**Chair: Rocío Gordillo Hervás, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla**

9.00-9.35: **Andoni Llamazares Martín (Universidad del País Vasco)**

Autonomous and Rebellious. The problematic Nature of Herders in the Roman world

9.35-10.10: **Christer Bruun (University of Toronto)**

A Revolt of the “professional class” in Rome under Commodus?

10.10-10.45: **Antón Alvar Nuño (Universidad de Málaga)**

The Biopolitical rhetoric of Magic in the Roman World

**Coffee**

**Session 7**

**Chair: Marietta Horster, Mainz University**

11.15-11.50: **Alyson Roy (University of Idaho)**

Adaptation, Integration, and Resistance in Martial Iconography in the Iberian Peninsula, c. 200 BCE – 50 CE

11.50-12.25: **Ines Guth & Günther Schörner (University of Vienna)**

Opposing Rome: Resistance in Bacturia

12.25-13.00: **Margherita Carucci**

Viewing the Roman Empire from Home: Provincial Dissent to Imperial Rule

## **Lunch**

14.00-15.00: Impact's Board Meeting

## **Session 8**

**Chair: Carmen Alarcón Hernández, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla**

15.00-16.00: Poster Session

**Maxime Belloc (Aix-Marseille Université)**

The Jewish Opposition to Roman Imperialism in Rabbinic Sources

**Héctor González Palacios (Universidad de Málaga / École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris)**

Anti imperialist Critique in Late Antiquity Authors: the Cases of Augustine and Procopius



**Adrián Gordón-Zan (University of Zaragoza)**

Deface, Scratch, and Hit the Emperor! Are modified  
Coins a critical Response to Roman Imperial Power?

**Anna-Lisa Fichte (Technische Universität  
Dresden)**

Between Alliance and Opposition: the Emperor and his  
Family

### **Session 9**

**Chair: Pedro Giménez de Aragón Sierra, Universidad Pablo de  
Olavide, Sevilla**

16.00-16.35: **Rúben de Castro (New University of Lisbon)**

Divinatory Resistance to the Emperor: Senatorial and  
Provincial Construction of Imperial Power

16.35-17.10: **Olivier Hekster (Radboud University) & Ted  
Kaizer (University of Durham)**

Opposing Rome's Empire – the Parthians according to  
Herodian

17.10-17.45: **Francesco Bono (University of Parma)**

Reacting to the Enemy. Justinian and the Pragmatic  
Sanction of 554

**Coffee**

## Session 10

**Chair: Juan Manuel Cortés Copete, Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla**

18.15-18.50: **Gerda de Kleijn (Radboud University)**

Superiority and Unity in Decay?

18.50-19.25: **Mathias Sandberg (University of Münster)**

The Emperor's two Bodies? – Criticism and Rule by the Grace of God

20:30 **Conference Dinner** (La Monumental, c/Diego

Angulo Íñiguez, 9)

## Saturday 25 May

9.00-19.00 Session in *Baelo Claudia* (Bologna, Cadiz)

## COLABORACIÓN Y FINANCIACIÓN

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