



## Episcopal Leadership: Shaping Power in Gaul and Hispania (IVth-VIIth centuries)

During the Christianization of the Western Roman Empire, bishops established themselves in prominent positions in the cities from the 4th century onwards. They looked after the poor, acted as judges, were responsible for “construction booms”, and negotiated with *duces*, kings, or the emperor, not least when it came to ransoming prisoners. According to the *communis opinio*, we find this urban episcopal leadership particularly in Gaul, but research with a view to the late antique urban world of *Hispania* also states this phenomenon. This international and interdisciplinary conference aims to explicitly compare episcopal rule in both regions through archaeological and thematic approaches. The case studies of paradigmatic cities will allow an analysis of the material manifestations of episcopal leadership. At the same time, the thematic approaches enable us to discuss the same process from diverse perspectives: administrative, political, economic, civic, literary and liturgical. Concerning these, how does the urban episcopal leadership differ in both regions? Is it the same type of phenomena? Did it happen simultaneously? Last but not least, to what extent did Rome continue to function as a paradigm for Gaul and *Hispania*?

Monday, **06.03.2023**

- 18.00 h **Sabine Panzram**  
*RomanIslam – Universität Hamburg*
- Paulo Pachá**  
*RomanIslam – Universität Hamburg – UFRJ*
- Marc Heijmans**  
*Aix Marseille Université – CNRS – CCJ – Aix-en-Provence*
- Welcome and Introduction

### Rome as a paradigm

- Chair **Sabine Panzram**  
*RomanIslam – Universität Hamburg*
- 18.30 h **Carlos Machado**  
*University of St Andrews*  
Episcopal leadership and its limits in late antique Rome
- 19.15 h **Michele Renee Salzman**  
*University of California, Riverside*  
The civic role of the bishop of Rome: the construction of papal authority
- 20.00 h *Reception*

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Tuesday, **07.03.2023**

### Gaul and Hispania – archaeological approaches

- Chair **Paulo Pachá**  
*RomanIslam – Universität Hamburg – UFRJ*
- 9.30 h **Simon Loseby**  
*University of Sheffield*  
*Ubique micant tua templa, sacerdos:* bishops, buildings, and power in late antique Gaul
- 10.15 h **Alexandra Chavarria Arnao**  
*Università degli Studi di Padova*  
The role of bishops in the christianization of urban landscapes in late Roman Spain
- 11.00 h *Coffee*
- 11.30 h **Marc Heijmans**  
*Aix Marseille Université – CNRS – CCJ – Aix-en-Provence*  
Arles in the Vth and VIth centuries. A political and ecclesiastical capital in late antique Gaul
- 12.15 h **Sabine Panzram**  
*Universität Hamburg*  
From *Augusta Emerita* to *Merida* – The making of a capital of the *diocesis Hispaniarum*
- 13.00 h *Lunch*
- Chair **Marc Heijmans**  
*Aix Marseille Université – CNRS – CCJ – Aix-en-Provence*
- 15.30 h **Charles Bonnet**  
*Université de Genève*
- Michèle Gaillard**  
*Université de Lille*  
Episcopal presence and christian settlement in *Genava* and its surroundings (IVth-VIIIth centuries)
- 16.15 h **Albert V. Ribera i Lacomba**  
*ICAC Tarragona*
- Miquel Rosselló Mesquida**  
*Independent researcher*  
The *Valentia (Hispania)* episcopal center. From the martyr (*Vicentius*) to the bishop (*Iustinianus*)
- 17.00 h *Coffee*

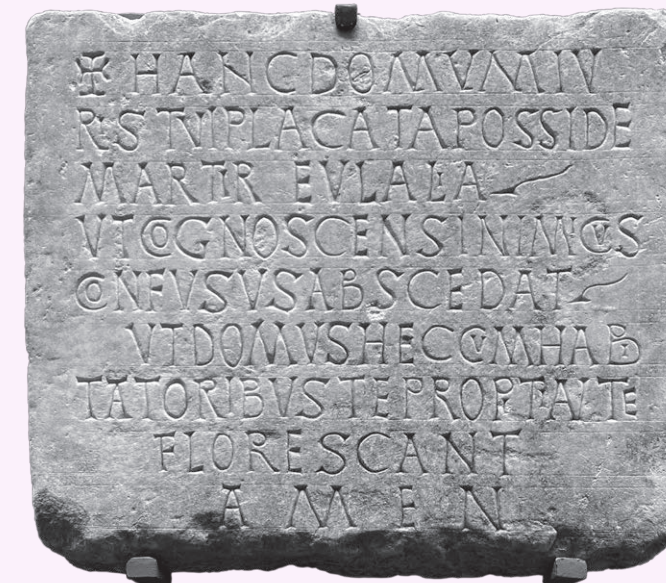
### Gaul and Hispania – thematic approaches

- Chair **Paulo Pachá**  
*RomanIslam – Universität Hamburg – UFRJ*
- 17.30 h **Josiane Barbier**  
*Université Paris Nanterre*  
Between *palatium* and *civitas*, bishops in Merovingian Gaul
- 18.15 h **Ian Wood**  
*University of Leeds*  
Variations in ecclesiastical land acquisition in the VIth and VIIth centuries
- 20.30 h *Dinner*



Wednesday, **08.03.2023**

- Chair **Pieter Houten**  
*ATLAS – Universität Hamburg*
- 9.30 h **Martin Horst**  
*RomanIslam – Universität Hamburg*  
Convening Gallic councils – personal factors shaping attendance and subject matters
- 10.15 h **Paulo Pachá**  
*RomanIslam – Universität Hamburg – UFRJ*  
The Iberian councils: shaping power and authority in Visigothic *Hispania*
- 11.00 h *Coffee*
- 11.30 h **Gernot M. Müller**  
*Universität Bonn*  
Constructing episcopal authority in post-Roman letter collections
- 12.15 h **Paulo Farmhouse Alberto**  
*Universidade de Lisboa*  
Eugenius of Toledo on the royal court
- 13.00 h *Lunch*
- Chair **Paulo Pachá**  
*RomanIslam – Universität Hamburg – UFRJ*
- 15.30 h **Molly Lester**  
*US Naval Academy*  
Liturgy and clerical hierarchy in late antique Iberia
- 16.15 h **Paulo Duarte Silva**  
*Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro*  
Liturgy and authority in the Early Middle Ages: the bishopric of Caesarius of Arles (502-542)
- 17.00 h *Coffee*
- Chair **Sabine Panzram**  
*RomanIslam – Universität Hamburg*
- 17.30 h **Kay Boers**  
*Universiteit Utrecht*  
Thinking with Desiderius. Cities, saints and episcopal strategies of persuasion in VIth century Gaul and *Hispania*
- 18.15 h **Javier Arce**  
*Université de Lille*  
Conclusions
- 20.30 h *Dinner*



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