

# New Perspectives on Romanization and Islamication

Romanization and Islamication, meaning the “Roman way of life” and Islamic culture, are two processes that continue to shape society today: RomanIslam plans to investigate the processes of cultural assimilation in the western Mediterranean, specifically on the Iberian Peninsula and in North Africa. These regions are ideal for comparative research on empires because structurally speaking, they had comparable economic significance for the Roman and Islamic Empires respectively as well as many other features in common.

Prior to assimilation there with two distinct cultures, the Celtiberian and the Berber, that were only superficially influenced by Greek culture. The Roman and Islamic Empires introduced to these an Eastern Imperial or Middle Eastern religion of salvation (Christianity and Islam respectively) in the guise of state religion. This historical situation in the first millennium allows researchers to develop new models and theories in the field of transcultural studies and comparative empire studies.

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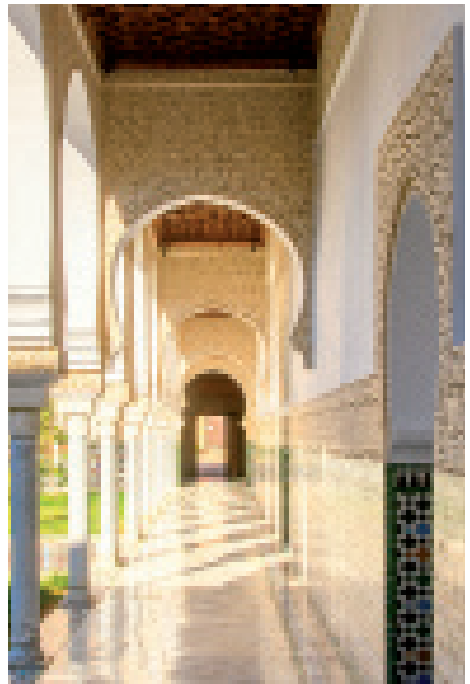
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**Sep. 29 - Oct. 1, 2021, Universität Hamburg**



**Wednesday Sep. 29, 2021**

Warburghaus, Heilwigstraße 116, 20249 Hamburg

17.30 h **Sabine Panzram – Stefan Heidemann** (Universität Hamburg)

*Welcome and Introduction*

**Silke Segler-Meißner**, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities (Universität Hamburg)

**Nader Bousrih**, Generalconsul of Tunisia in Hamburg

**Pedro Villena Pérez**, Generalconsul of Spain in Hamburg

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**Sebastian Schmidt-Hofner** (Universität Tübingen)

*Images of Good Government and the Ideology of the Late Roman Aristocracy of Service*

**Abigail Balbale** (New York University) online

*Al-Andalus 8th/21st c.: The Islamic Conquest in Contemporary Debate*

20.00 h Reception



**Thursday Sep. 30, 2021**

Warburghaus, Heilwigstraße 116, 20249 Hamburg

9.30 h **Sabine Panzram – Stefan Heidemann** (Universität Hamburg)  
*Welcome and Introduction*

### **Iberian Peninsula**

9.45 h **Alberto León Muñoz - José Antonio Garriguet Mata** (Universidad de Córdoba)  
*Archaeological Analysis of 1500 Years of History in the Mosque-Cathedral of Córdoba and its Urban Environment. First Results of the Excavation in the Patio de los Naranjos*

10.15 h **Volker Menze** (Central European University Vienna)  
*The Ariminian-Visigothic Church in Sixth-Century Spain: The Quest for an Ecclesiology*

10.45 h **Damián Fernández** (Northern Illinois University – Freie Universität Berlin)  
*Inheritance Law, Lineage, and Class Identity in the Visigothic Kingdom*

11.15 h Coffee Break

11.45 h **Javier Arce** (Université de Lille)  
*Villae and the Society of Late Roman Spain (4th-6th Centuries)*

12.15 h **Lauro Olmo Enciso** (Universidad de Alcalá)  
*From Visigoths to Arabs: Landscape and Transculturation in Central Iberia (6th-9th centuries)*

### **North Africa**

12.45 h **Darío Bernal Casasola** (Universidad de Cádiz) online  
*Late Roman Economy & Trade in Both Sides of the Strait of Gibraltar: Trends & Challenges*

13.30 h Lunch Break

15.30 h **Sabine Lefebvre** (Université de Bourgogne)  
*The Epigraphy of the Provinces of North Africa: An Abundance of Documentary and Textual Richness*

16.00 h **Philipp von Rummel** (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Berlin)  
*Africa and the Long Late Antiquity*

16.30 h **Chokri Touihri** (Institut National du Patrimoine Tunis)  
*The Africa – Ifriqiya Transition: Some Economic Effects of the Arab Conquest through Ceramic Studies*

17.00 h Coffee Break

17.30 h **Advisory Board Meeting**

20.30 h Dinner

**Friday Oct. 1, 2021**

Warburghaus, Heilwigstraße 116, 20249 Hamburg

### **Transcultural and Comparative Empire Studies**

- 9.30 h **Martin Pitts** (University of Exeter) online  
*Romanization 2.0: Perspectives, Possibilities, and Practicalities*
- 10.00 h **Peter Bang** (University of Copenhagen)  
*Empire and Culture – Islamization, Romanization and Comparative World History*

### **Conflicting Narratives - The Imperial Perspective**

- 10.30 h **Alejandro García-Sanjuán** (Universidad de Huelva)  
*The Origins of al-Andalus: the Issue of the Sources*
- 11.00 h Coffee Break

### **Material Culture**

- 11.30 h **Felix Arnold** (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Madrid)  
*The Contribution of Architectural History to the Study of Empires: Problems and Potentials*
- 12.00 h **Corisande Fenwick** (University College London) online  
*Archaeology and Early Islamic North Africa: New Answers to Old Questions*
- 12.30 h Lunch

### **Manuscripts and Documents**

- 14.30 h **Jonathan Brockopp** (Penn State University / CSMC Hamburg)  
*An Empire of Books*
- 15.00 h **Rocio Daga-Portillo** (Ludwig Maximilians Universität München)  
*„Mestizaje“ of Legal Culture. Documents from the Cathedral of Toledo (11th.-14th. Century)*
- 15.30 h Coffee Break

### **Emergence of Islamic Scholarship**

- 16.00 h **Maribel Fierro** (The Spanish National Research Council Madrid)  
*The Emergence of the Group of Religious Scholars in al-Andalus*
- 16.30 h **Camilla Adang** (Tel Aviv University – Department of Arabic and Islamic Studies) online  
*The Early Maghribi Tradition: Ifriqiya as a Case-Study*
- 17.00 h **Roundtable Discussion / Final remarks**
- 20.00 h Dinner