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Over the last two decades, the study of the Christianisation of territory in Late Antiquity (4th-7th c.) has generated an extensive historiographical production that has substantially improved our understanding of religious change in rural settings. Despite these advances, the archaeological invisibility and uneven preservation of many rural churches and cult sites continue to pose major interpretative challenges, limiting our capacity to assess the real spatial, social and territorial impact of the construction of Christian landscapes in Late Antiquity. The growing availability of archaeological, textual and topographical data now provides an increasingly solid documentary basis for comparative and large-scale analyses. In this context, the use of spatial technologies—such as Geographic Information Systems (GIS), remote sensing techniques and network analysis—opens promising perspectives for revisiting long-standing questions from new methodological angles.

The aim of this workshop is to bring together scholars in order to investigate, through the use of spatial technologies, the distribution of rural churches and cult places within late antique landscapes, and to examine the social, political, religious and territorial factors that shaped these patterns. Particular attention will be paid to the relationship between ecclesiastical infrastructures, systems of mobility and strategies of territorial control, with the goal of assessing whether the organisation of Christian space resulted from coherent institutional planning or from more fragmented, locally driven initiatives.

Thursday, 22.10.2026

- 17.00h **Welcome and Introduction**
Sabine Panzram
Universität Hamburg
José Carlos López Gómez
RomanIslam Universität Hamburg – Universidad de Málaga
- 17.30h **Francisco Dago Elorza**
Generalkonsulat von Spanien in Hamburg
- 17.30h **Ignasi Grau**
Universidad de Alicante
 Religious Landscapes through the Lens of Geospatial Technologies. Some Proposals for Analysis and Interpretation
- 18.15h **Giorgos Papantoniou**
Trinity College Dublin
Athanasios Vionis
University of Cyprus
 Unlocking Late Antique Sacred Landscapes in Cyprus: Spatial and Digital Approaches in the Xeros River Valley and Beyond
- 19.00h **Katerina Ragkou**
Philipps Universität Marburg
 Sacralizing the Periphery: The Basilica of Athena Itonia and the Limits of Ecclesiastical Connectivity in Late Antique Thessaly
- 20.00h *Reception*

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Friday, 23.10.2026

Post-Imperial West

- Chair **Sabine Panzram**
Universität Hamburg
- 9.00h **Pieter Houten**
University of Nottingham
 In View of the Cross: The Religious Geography of Power in Late Antique *Baetica*
- 9.45h **Pedro Trapero**
Universidad de Cádiz
José Carlos López-Gómez
RomanIslam Universität Hamburg – Universidad de Málaga
Javier E. Jiménez López de Eguileta
Universidad de Cádiz
 Mapping Episcopal Power: Spatial Analysis of Religious Foundations and Territorial Organization in Western *Baetica* (7th c.)
- 10.30h **Daniel Pérez de la Vega**
Universidad de Málaga
 Between Isolation and Connectivity: Natural Contexts and Territorial Dynamics of Rural Cult Spaces in Late Antique *Hispania*
- 11.15h *Coffee*
- 11.45h **Gabriele Castiglia**
Pontificio Istituto di Archeologia Cristiana Roma
Stefano Bertoldi
University of Siena
 Sacred Landscapes in Transition: Church Networks and Territorial Organization in Late Antique and Early Medieval Tuscany
- 12.30h **Antonio López García**
Universidad de Granada
 On the Edge of Rome: A Transition in the Religious Landscape of Trans Tiberim in Late Antiquity
- 13.30h *Lunch*
- Chair **José Carlos López-Gómez**
RomanIslam Universität Hamburg – Universidad de Málaga
- 15.30h **Miguel Egidio Cortés**
Universidad de Alcalá
 El éxodo de *Complutum* al Campo Laudable: topografía martirial y transformación del paisaje religioso y urbano (siglos IV-VII)
- 16.15h **José M. Carrasco**
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona
 Between Isolation and Connectivity: the Christianisation of Peripheral Landscapes in the *ager Tarraconensis*
- 17.00h *Coffee*
- Chair **Rocío Suárez Vallejo**
Universität Innsbruck
- 17.30h **Anis Mkacher**
AOROC Paris
 Visualiser le christianisme de la Tripolitaine : de la base de données à la carte
- 18.15h **Donato Sitaro**
Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II
 Periphery, Whose Periphery? The Western British Ecclesiastical Landscape within the Atlantic Koiné (IV-VI c.)
- 20.30h *Conference Dinner*

Saturday, 24.10.2026

Post-Imperial East

- Chair **Markus Trunk**
Universität Trier
- 9.30h **Pablo Rodríguez Valdés**
Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
 Mapping Reappropriation: Spatial and Digital Analysis of Elite and Subaltern Sacred Landscapes in Late Antique Crete
- 10.15h **Senel Kaya**
Istanbul Technical University
 Rural Churches and Settlement Networks in the Olba Hinterland (Rough Cilicia): A GIS-Based Approach to Christian Landscapes in Late Antiquity
- 11.00h *Coffee*
- 11.30h **Ariadna Guimerà**
Universidad de Málaga
 Mapping Rural Christian Landscapes in Middle Egypt: Spatial Patterns and Connectivity at Kom al-Ahmar (Sharuna)
- 12.15h **Giulia Spadanuda**
Pontificio Istituto di Archeologia Cristiana Roma
 Monastic Connectivity in the Holy Land through Least Cost Path Analysis: Integrating GIS Spatial Modelling and Byzantine Written Sources
- 13.00h **Javier Arce**
Université de Lille
 Conclusions
- 14.00h *Lunch*



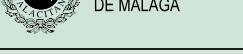
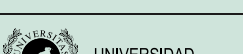
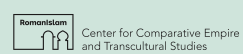
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