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Location

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Of all the Germanic invasions that plagued the Western Roman Empire in the 5th century, the migration of the Vandals was the longest: They came from Central and Eastern Europe via Gaul (406) and Spain (409) to North Africa (429), where they founded a kingdom that survived for almost a century. This long “journey”, which brought the Vandals into contact and confrontation with very different regions and peoples within the Western Roman Empire, sanctioned the distinctiveness of this people: An open and ill-defined identity, as if this Germanic group were experiencing a perpetual process of ethnogenesis. This phenomenon is particularly evident after the occupation of the North African provinces, when the Vandals were more receptive to the assimilation of *romanitas*, to such an extent that a distinction between Vandal and Roman identity became increasingly difficult.

The workshop is the first in a series of meetings focusing on the Vandals. The objective of this first meeting is to study the Roman elements of continuity and discontinuity during the Vandal migration and domination, with the further goal of trying to delineate - if possible - a clearer Vandal identity.



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WORKSHOP

ROMAN CONTINUITY AND
DISCONTINUITY
IN THE VANDAL KINGDOM

DEC. 7-8, 2022



Wed., Dec. 7, 2022 Room AS-Saal, ESA 1

15.00 **Prof. Dr. Sabine Panzram & Dr. Rocco Selvaggi** (Universität Hamburg)
Welcome/ Introduction

Between Vandals and Romans: A Kingdom in Formation

Chair – Prof. Dr. Sabine Panzram (Universität Hamburg)

15.15 **Prof. Dr. Javier Arce**
(Université de Lille)
The Vandal Episode in Hispania

16.00 **Prof. Dr. Paolo Tedesco**
(Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen)
Africa at the Margins: When History Changes, But Life Stays the Same

16.45 Coffee Break

17.15 **Dr. Daniel Syrbe**
(FernUniversität in Hagen)
How to Approach the Vandal State? Considerations Based on Political Theory

18.00 **Prof. Dr. Susan Stevens**
(Randolph College)
Africans, Romans, Vandals and Christians in a Cemetery at Carthage



Hilderic Denarius

18.45 **Prof. Dr. Umberto Roberto**
(Università di Napoli “Federico II”)
The Vandals and their Roman Provincial Subjects: Collaboration or Resistance?

20.00 Dinner

Thurs., Dec. 8, 2022 Room AS-Saal, ESA 1

The Perception of the Vandals in the Mediterranean Region

Chair – Dr. Rocco Selvaggi (Universität Hamburg)

9.00 **Dr. Marco Cristini**
(Istituto Italiano per la Storia Antica)
Gemini diadematis heres: The Imitation of the Empire as a Tool of Vandal Foreign Policy

9.45 **Prof. Dr. Giampiero Scafoglio**
(Université Cote d’Azur)
The Image of Carthage in the Vandal Age According to the Latin Anthology

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 **Dr. Marzia Fiorentini**
(University of St. Andrews)
Africa Calling: Roman Emperors Against the Vandalic Tyrant in Sidonius Apollinaris

11.45 **Dr. Ralf Bockmann**
(Universität Hamburg)
Reflections on Continuity in Vandal Africa from an Eastern Roman Point of View

12.30 **Prof. Dr. Umberto Roberto**
(Università di Napoli “Federico II”)
Conclusions

13.00 Lunch



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