

DEPENDENCY AND SOCIAL INEQUALITY IN PRE-ROMAN ITALY

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
JUNE 16 – 18, 2022

hosts the Cluster of Excellence "Beyond Slavery and Freedom", which aims to overcome the binary opposition of "slavery versus freedom". We approach the phenomenon of slavery and other types of strong asymmetrical dependency from methodologically and theoretically distinct perspectives.

In the past, most studies on pre-Roman societies in Italy (1st millennium BCE) focused on the elites, their representation and cultural contacts. Recently, however, research on dependent and marginalized social groups has considerably increased. The aim of this conference is to look at these less visible social groups, which are often even difficult to define (slaves, servants, freedmen, peasants, mercenaries, captives, "foreigners", athletes, women, children etc.). The methodological challenges connected to the study of such heterogeneous and scattered sources will be addressed. Is the evidence representative enough for defining different forms of dependencies? Can we rely on written and pictorial sources or do they only reflect Greek and Roman views and iconographic conventions? Which social groups can't be traced in the literary and archaeological record? For the discussion of this topic, we will focus on the following sections: historical and epigraphical studies (Greek and Roman literary sources, local inscriptions), material culture studies (images, sanctuaries, settlements, necropoleis), anthropology and bioarchaeology (analysis of human skeletons using methods from the natural sciences).

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Thursday, June 16, 2022

9:30 – 10:15 AM – **Welcome & Introduction**
Martin Bentz & Patrick Zeidler, BCDSS, University of Bonn

Panel I: Historical and Epigraphical Studies

10:15 – 11:00 AM

The Etruscans – a Society of Masters and Servants? A Modern *Topos* and its Origins

Petra Amann
(University of Vienna, Austria)

11:00 – 11:30 AM – **Coffee Break**

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

Slaves, Freedpeople and Non-Citizens in the Etruscan World. Evidence from Epigraphy

Enrico Benelli
(CNR, Naples, Italy)

Panel II: The Iconography of Dependency in Visual Art

12:15 – 1:00 PM

Social Inequality at Volterra

Bouke van der Meer
(University of Leiden, Netherlands)

1:00 – 2:00 PM – **Lunch Break**

2:00 – 2:45 PM

(Not Only) Defeated and Enslaved. The Iconography of Captives in Etruscan Art and their Ambivalent Meaning

Patrick Zeidler
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)

2:45 – 3:30 PM

Dependencies in Etruscan Tomb Painting

Cornelia Weber-Lehmann
(University of Bochum, Germany)

3:30 – 4:00 PM – **Coffee Break**

Panel III: Dependencies and Status Differences in Sacral Spaces

4:00 – 4:45 PM

Plebeian Rituals and Peasant Cults? Religious Transformations in Etruria during the Late 6th/Early 5th Century BCE and their Socio-Political Context

Robinson Krämer
(University of Rostock, Germany)

4:45 – 5:30 PM

The Etruscan-Italic Votive Heads and Anatomical Terracottas – a Class-Specific Phenomenon?

Stephan Steingraber
(University Roma Tre, Italy)

7:00 PM Conference Dinner (only for speakers and organizers)

Friday, June 17, 2022

Panel IV: Dependencies and Status Differences in Urban and Nonurban Spaces

9:30 – 10:15 AM

De-Monumentalization and De-Powerment of the Chiefly House at Late Archaic Monte Iato (Western Sicily, 460/50 BC)

Erich Kistler
(University of Innsbruck, Austria)

10:15 – 11:00 AM

Herdsmen into Warriors. Pastoral Society in Ancient Central Italy

Massimiliano Di Fazio
(University of Pavia, Italy)

11:00 – 11:30 AM – **Coffee Break**

11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

The Poor Side of the Tracks? Non-Urbanism, Funerary “Austerity” and the Making of Subaltern Space in Samnium, c. 400–100 BCE

Rafael Scopacasa
(UFMG, Brazil)

Panel V: Anthropology and Bioarchaeology

12:15 – 1:00 PM

Inequality, the Skeleton, and Treatment of the Dead. Basic Principles and Some Case Studies from Prehistoric Italy

John Robb
(University of Cambridge, UK)

1:00 – 2:00 PM – **Lunch Break**

2:00 – 2:45 PM

In Search of the Roman *Gens*. A Bioarchaeological Study of Family Structure and Social Change in Iron Age Italy (900–700 BCE)

Andrea Acosta
(University of South Carolina, USA)

2:45 – 3:30 PM

The “Chained Man” from Populonia and the Issue of Etruscan *Servitus*

Giorgio Baratti, Martina Sciortino, Laura Magnano
(all Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan, Italy)

Cristina Cattaneo
(Anthropological and Odontological Lab – Università degli Studi, Milan, Italy)

3:30 – 4:00 PM – **Coffee Break**

Friday, June 17, 2022

4:00 – 4:45 PM

Natural Disaster and Marginalized Social Agents in Pre-Roman Italy. Archaeological Case Studies from Veneto and Puglia

Elisa Perego
(University College London, UK)
Rafael Scopacasa
(UFMG, Brazil)

4:45 – 5:30 PM

The Greek Colonies of Sicily. Status of Health as Indicator of Social Inequality

Mauro Rubini
(Anthropological Service of SABAP-LAZIO Italian Ministry of Culture)

7:00 PM Reception at the Academic Art Museum (Römerstraße 164, 53117 Bonn)

Saturday, June 18, 2022

Panel VI: Dependencies and Status Differences within Necropoleis

9:15 – 10:00 AM

Dependency and Social Inequality in Central Italy (1000–500 BC)

Francesca Fulminante
(University of Bristol, UK)

10:00 – 10:45 AM

Birds of a Feather Flock Together? Investigations into Possible Social Differences in Etruscan Chamber Tombs with Sarcophagus Burials

Laura Nazim
(University of Bochum, Germany)

10:45 – 11:10 AM – **Coffeebreak**

11:10 – 11:55 AM

Age and Class Discrimination in Etruscan Necropoleis? Some Evidence from Cerveteri

Marina Micozzi
(University of Viterbo, Italy)

Ultimus Inter Pares. Inequality within the Italic Communities of Romagna (Italy). Child Burials between the 6th and 5th Century BC

Claudio Negrini
(University of Vienna, Austria)

12:40 – 1:00 PM

Final Discussion