The period between the Hannibalic War and the Gracchi is highly significant in the history of the Roman Republic, but tends to receive little attention, largely because of the very fragmentary state of the sources. During the first three quarters of the second century BC, Rome underwent important changes in almost every domain: new problems, new rules, and new actors came to the fore. This conference will seek to provide a collective account of this period by taking a thematic approach and considering a number of key issues. An international group of speakers will explore the domains in which significant change appears to have taken place, will discuss areas of continuity, and will debate how a new coherent picture may be constructed.

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Thursday, 17 January

10.00 – 11.00
Harriet Flower (Princeton, USA)
Periodisation and new problems [Opening Keynote Lecture]

Coffee break

11.20 – 12.00
Annarosa Gallo (Bari, IT)
Interactions between Tribunes and Senate

12.00 – 12.40
Michele Bellomo (Milan, IT)
The administration of the Imperium Romanum in the II century BC

Lunch

14.00 – 14.40
Cyrielle Landrea (Bretagne Sud, FR)
Gentes maiores and aristocratic competition (200-134 BC)

14.40 – 15.20
Thibaud Lanfranchi (Toulouse II, FR)
Social and political evolutions at the beginning of the 2nd c. BC: the case of some Roman laws

Coffee break

15.40 – 16.20
Catherine Steel (Glasgow, UK)
The arrival of eloquence? The changing parameters of public speech in the second century

16.20 – 17.00
Francesca De Caprariis (Rome, IT)
Public buildings and urban space: a view from the Tiberfront

Friday, 18 January

10.00 – 10.40
Mattia Balbo (Turin, IT)
Agrarian issues: competition for land in Italy before the Gracchi

10.40 – 11.20
James Tan (Sydney, AUS)
Tribuni aerarii from Zama to the Gracchi

Coffee break

11.40 – 12.20
Michael J. Taylor (SUNY Albany, USA)
The Roman citizen cavalry

12.20 – 13.00
Marleen Termeer (Leiden, NL)
Changes in coinage production and use

Lunch

14.00 – 14.40
Federico Santangelo (Newcastle, UK)
Beyond conservatism: charting Roman religion between Hannibal and Scipio Nasica

14.40 – 15.20
Ulrich Gotter (Konstanz, DE)
An aristocracy of peasants? Sumptuary laws and the invention of Romanness in the second century BCE

Coffee break

15.45 – 16.45
Round table