Rome and the Colonial City

Impact of the Ancient City, Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge
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Day One: Ideals of the city

January 28,
British School at Rome

09:00 Welcome and introduction

Morning session chair: Dieter Mertens (Rome)

09:30 Irad Malkin (Tel Aviv): Greek colonies and ideals of equality
10:15 Tess Stek (KNIR): Roman republican colonisation and the urban model

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 Andrew Wallace-Hadrill (Cambridge): Vitruvius’ ideal city and its reception
12:15 Ed Zychowicz-Coghill (Cambridge): Foundation narratives of early Islamic cities

13:00 LUNCH

Afternoon session chair: Stephen Milner (Director, BSR)

14:30 Keith Lilley (Belfast): Urban ideals in the medieval world
15:15 Sam Ottewill-Soulsby (Cambridge): The Making of Men and Cities: Francesc Eiximenis and Urban Development

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16:00  TEA BREAK

16:30  Reuben Rose-Redwood (Victoria): The Grid Enframed: Narratives of the American Grid

17:15  Discussant: Lisa Fentress (Rome)

18:00  Reception at BSR
20:00  Conference dinner at BSR

Day Two: Colonization and urban experimentation

January 29,  
British School at Rome

Morning session chair: Jeremia Pelgrom (Groningen/KNIR)

09:30  Alessandro Launaro (Cambridge): Urban design and Latin colonization (4th-3rd c. BC): the view from Interamna Lirenas
10:15  Alessia Morigi (Parma): L’esperimento dell’imperfezione: la pratica dell’insediamento urbano in Aemilia e Umbria tra fondazioni coloniali, sviluppo spontaneo e ri-fondazioni postantiche

11:00  COFFEE BREAK

11:30  Andrew Dufton (Edinburgh): The long-term aspects of urban foundation in the cities of Africa Proconsularis
12:15  Frank Vermeulen (Ghent): From Potentia to Porto Recanati: the Roman coastal colony and its modern legacy

13:00  LUNCH

Afternoon session chair: Robert Coates-Stephens (Rome)
14:30  Efthymios Rizos (Oxford): *No Colonies and no Grids: New cities in the East Roman Empire from Diocletian to Justinian*

15:15  Wim Boereijn (Amsterdam): New Towns of the 12th – 14th Centuries and the Grid Plan

16:00  TEA BREAK

16:30  Felipe Fernández Armesto (Notre Dame): "The Romans Whom We have to Imitate:" Retrospection in Spanish American Civic Works’

17:15  Discussant: Bryan Ward-Perkins (Oxford)

18:00  Reception at BSR
20:00  Conference dinner at BSR

**Day Three: The colonial grid: egalitarian ideal or imperial control?**

January 30,  
Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome (KNIR)

Morning session: chair Cristina Corsi (Cassino)

09:30  Javier Martínez Jiménez (Cambridge): Grate Roman Grid-off? Ignoring and acknowledging grids in Iberia in the first millennium AD,

10:15  Martin Millett (Cambridge): From Falerii to Aldborough

11:00  COFFEE BREAK

11:30  Sofia Greaves (Cambridge): Grids and modernity. Ildefonso Cerdá to the fascists


13:00  LUNCH

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Afternoon session chair: Elizabeth Key Fowden (Cambridge)

14:30  Aristotle Kallis (Keele): Roma rediviva: the uses of Roman heritage in Fascist-era urbanism
15:15 Flaminia Bartolini (Cambridge): Res Gestae Mussolini: re-framing Fascist archaeology as ideological violence

16:00  TEA BREAK

16:30  Robin Cormack (Cambridge): Planning the colonial capital: Khartoum and New Delhi

17:15  Discussant: Mario Torelli (Perugia)

18:00  Reception at KNIR
20:00  Conference dinner at Ambasciata d'Abruzzo