

*International digital Conference*

Empires through the Ages:  
Short-term Empires – Rule or Exception?

(November 30<sup>th</sup> – December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021)

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**Tuesday, 30 Nov FIRST DAY OF CONFERENCE**

**15:00-15:30 Welcome Address | *Brigitte Truschnegg, Robert Rollinger, Kai Ruffing***

**15:30-16:30 Key Note**

Nathanael ANDRADE (Binghamton): Zenobia’s State: A Short-term Empire?

*16:30-17:00 Break*

**17:00-18:30 SECTION 1: Changing Dynasty – Changing Empire**  
***Chair: Clemens Steinwender***

Guolong LAI (Gainesville): Short-term Empires in China? The Qin (221 BCE–206 BCE) and the Sui (581–618)

Omar COLORU (Bari): The Graeco-Bactrian and the Indo-Greek Kingdoms: A Short-term Empire?

**Wednesday, 1 Dec SECOND DAY OF CONFERENCE**

**09:00-10:30 SECTION 2: Imperial Heritage and Empire | *Chair: Kerstin Droß-Krüpe***

Timo STICKLER (Jena): Die indischen Hunnen (Alchon)

Roland STEINACHER (Innsbruck): The Vandals: The Roman Barbarians and their African Empire

10:30-11:00 Break

**11:00-15:00 SECTION 3: Conqueror and Empire**

**11:00-12:30 | Chair: Louisa Thomas**

Giorgio ROTA (Vienna): Ahmad Shah Durrani: Empire-founder or Unwitting Emperor-maker?

Julian DEGEN (Trier): The Perils and Limits of Empire: Alexander the Great in India

12:30-13:30 Break

**13:30-15:00 | Chair: Jakob Riemenschneider**

Sabine MÜLLER (Marburg): Philipp III. Arrhidaios and Alexander's Generals

Martin KRIEGER (Kiel): The North Sea Empire of Knut the Great

15:00-15:30 Break

**15:30-17:00 SECTION 4: Rebellion and Empire | Chair: Moritz Buhrmann**

Kordula SCHNEGG (Innsbruck): Sextus Pompeius: Ruler of the Western Mediterranean

Sven GÜNTHER (Changchun): Gallic Empire and Carausius

**Thursday, 2 Dec THIRD DAY OF CONFERENCE**

**09:00-10:30 SECTION 5: New Visions of Empire | Chair: Amal Allouch**

~~Michael ZEUSKE (Cologne): Simón Bolívar and la Gran Colombia (1819-1830)~~

Jörg SCHWARZ (Innsbruck): The Angevin Empire 1154-1214

10:30-11:00 Break

**11:00-12:30 SECTION 6: Empire by Competition | Chair: Florian Posselt**

Christoph SCHÄFER (Trier): Antigonos Monophthalmos

Hilmar KLINKOTT (Kiel): Sparta after the Peloponnesian War: The Harmost System, the Organization of an Empire in its final Stage

Break 12:30-13:30

**13:30-17:00 SECTION 7: Contingency and Imperial Claim**

**13:30-15:00 | Chair: Alexander Steiner**

Josef WIESEHÖFER (Kiel): The Empire of Tigranes of Armenia (1<sup>st</sup> cent. BCE)

Florian SCHWARZ (Vienna): The Khanate of Bukhara in the 19<sup>th</sup> c. AD

15:00-15:30 Break

**15:30-17:00 | Chair: Ole Hansen**

Patrick REINARD (Trier): Empire or Usurpation? The failed Rule of the Marciani

Khodadad REZAKHANI (Leiden): The Empire of the Saffarids

17:00-17:30 Break

**17:30-18:15 SECTION 8: Democracy and Empire | Chair: Laura Kopp-Zimmermann**

Wolfgang BLÖSEL (Duisburg-Essen): The Athenian Empire in the Fifth Century B.C.

**18:15-18:45 Concluding Remarks | Wolfgang Blösel, Hilmar Klinkott**

**END OF CONFERENCE**



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