

Roman Law in non-legal Writings: Romans, Greeks, Jews and Christians

A conference at the Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung

Munich, 4-6 February 2026



Wednesday, 4 February 2026

- 11:30 Gathering
12:00 Lunch
13:15 Welcome
Maren Niehoff (Jerusalem)
Ulrike Babusiaux (Zurich)
- 13:30 **Section I - Roman Law in Philosophy**
Chair: **Andreas Amman** (Munich)
Maren Niehoff (Jerusalem)
- 13:30-14:15 Reclaiming *bona fides*: From Legal Assurance to Moral Conscience in Seneca's *De Beneficiis*
Sergio Marín (Jerusalem)
- 14:15-14:45 Coffee
14:45-15:30 *Kathékonta/media officia* and Roman Law of Sale in Cicero, *De officiis*
Johannes Platschek (Munich)
- 15:30-16:15 The Roman and the Stoic Ideas of 'Law' in Cicero's *De officiis*
Roberto Fiori (Rome)
- 16:15-17:00 A Cynic Philosophical Critique of Roman Litigation
Roi Ziv (Jerusalem)
- 17:00-18:00 Break/Reception
- 18:00 **Keynote Lecture**
Chair: **Tiziana J. Chiusi** (Saarbrücken)
- 18:00-19:15 Inside and Outside Roman Law: Methodological Challenges
Dario Mantovani (Paris)

Thursday, 5 February 2026

- 09:00 Gathering
09:30 **Section II - Roman Law in Bible Exegesis**
Chair: **Knut Backhaus** (Munich)
- 09:30-10:15 Traces of the Roman *Matrimonium* in Josephus' Interpretation of Biblical Marriages
Maren Niehoff (Jerusalem)
- 10:15-11:00 *Te oportet et Romae testificari* (Acts 23:11). Engaging with Roman Law in Selected New Testament Texts
Paolo Costa (Genova)
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee
11:15-12:00 *Adoptio* in the Vulgate and Adoptions in Vernacular Bibles
Folker Siegert (Münster)
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch
13:30-14:15 "You are My Slaves! On that Condition I Ransomed You!". The Status of a Captured and Ransomed Freeman in Light of a Parable from Sifre Numbers
Orit Malka (Jerusalem)
Yakir Paz (Jerusalem)

- 14:15-15:00 Does God Judge Alone? Theology, Politics, and Law in the Context of the Jewish-Roman Legal Encounter
David Sabato (Jerusalem)
- 15:00-15:30 Coffee
15:30-16:15 *Aliae sunt leges Caesarum, aliae Christi*: Secular vs. Christian Law in Patristic Thought
David Kästle-Lamparter (Mannheim)
- 16:15-17:00 *Lex antiqua, lex antiquior*: The Punishment of the *fur nocturnus* between the Twelve Tables and the Book of Exodus
Silvio F. Nastasi (Pisa)
- 17:00-17:45 Justin Martyr and Roman Law: Legal Concepts in Early Christian Apology
Fenyves Krisztián (Budapest)

Friday, 6 February 2026

- 08:30 Gathering
09:00 **Section III - Roman Law in Historiography**
Chair: **Martin Zimmermann** (Munich)
- 09:00-09:45 Roman Trials as Historical Material in Flavius Josephus
Ulrike Babusiaux (Zurich)
- 09:45-10:30 "*Roma quasi secunda Babylonia est*": Justification of Slavery in de civ. Dei XIX, 15 and D. 1, 5, 4 (Flor. inst.)
Jakob F. Stagl (Barcelona)
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee
11:00-11:45 Roman Law, the Laws of others, and Epistemic Violence
Kaius Tuori (Helsinki)
- 11:45-12:30 Roman Law and Citizenship in the Later Roman State
John Weisweiler (Munich)
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch
14:00-14:45 The Politics of Law in Later Roman Elite historiography
Sebastian Schmidt-Hofner (Tubingen) Via Zoom
- 14:45-15:30 "*L'affaire est dans le sac*": *The poena cullei* in Late Antique Christian Narratives
Sabrina Inowlocki (Jerusalem)
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee
16:00 **Section IV - Law and Language**
Chair: **Dario Mantovani** (Paris)
- 16:00-16:45 Theories of Language and Legal Language in the Jurists and non-Legal Writing
Matthijs Wibier (Connecticut) Via Zoom
- 16:45-17:30 Legal Determinations as a Tool for Thinking about the Imperial Literary Field
Cyril Rouanet (Louvain)
- 17:30-17:45 Closing Remarks and Farewell
Maren Niehoff (Jerusalem)
Ulrike Babusiaux (Zurich)