

CALL FOR PAPERS

THE IMPACT OF ROME IN THE EAST

CHANGE & CONTINUITY THROUGH THE LENS OF THE DEAD



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GRONINGEN INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY

The influence of Rome on the eastern provinces of its Empire has long been a subject of debate, and it is only relatively recently that more methodical and nuanced assessments of change and continuity are being applied to the region. Between indigenous identities, Hellenization, Romanization and the impact of colonization, how did the different regions of the Roman East experience their incorporation into the Empire?

This workshop intends to explore this question by investigating evidence from a specific archaeological context – the burials. The mortuary record reflects the beliefs, customs and norms of the burying group, and as such offers insight into local culture and social organization. In addition, the funerary sphere was often used as a platform for the display of status, and the negotiation of power and social standing in the broader community. Within circumstances involving a new ruling entity and the emergence of local colonial elites, the examination of ancient graves sheds light on how foreign and local groups and individuals navigated this social restructuring.

The region in focus consists of the Near East and the Eastern Mediterranean during the period between the 1st c. BC and the 4th c. AD. Presentations will include case studies that tackle the osteological, material, epigraphic and historical evidence, and discussions will highlight how these different sources complement each other and provide a holistic understanding of the social and cultural characteristics of past populations in times of change.

We invite abstract submissions (max. 300 words) for 20-minute paper presentations and 5-minute poster presentations. Abstracts should be submitted by the **30th of January, 2022** to impactofrome@gmail.com. The workshop will primarily be held in-person at the Groningen Institute of Archaeology, but will also be livestreamed for an online audience. Researchers who are unable to travel to Groningen, however, are still encouraged to submit an abstract. Depending on COVID restrictions, the event may ultimately be changed to either a hybrid or a fully online format. Final confirmation on this matter will be announced early 2022.

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