

Debating Urbanism: Within and Beyond the Walls

A day conference on life within and around towns from c. AD 300 to c. AD 700



A conference hosted by the School of Archaeology of the University of Leicester will contain papers and discussion on late Roman and early medieval urban change in Europe from both an archaeological and historical perspective from c. AD.300 700.

Recent published conferences have seen a gradual change in focus, from 'rebirth' (Hodges & Hobley 1988), to 'transition' (Christie & Loseby 1996), and most recently with 'decline' (Slater 2000). The focus of this conference shall be more wide reaching by looking at urban centres both within the town walls and at the extramural suburbs and hinterland. By framing the urban centres in this way a more rounded image should emerge of activity/inactivity/change.

This conference will provide a forum in particular to postgraduate researchers, with discussions framed by established scholars. This will stimulate debate and discussion to illustrate the ways in which towns were constantly changing and evolving or decaying from the late Roman Empire into early medieval Europe. The papers will cover a variety of the provinces within the Roman world with a central theme of urban change within the following areas:

Changing Urban Forms (chair: Prof. A. Poulter, University of Nottingham)

Walls and Town Life (chair: Prof. D. Mattingly, University of Leicester)

Altering Spaces & Economies (chair: Dr. J. Moreland, University of Sheffield)

Image and belief in the late Antique townscape (chair: Dr. G. Sears, University of Birmingham)

Fee (includes lunch): £20 (£10 for students)

For further information, or to register, visit: www.le.ac.uk/ar/research/conf/debatingurbanism.html

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