



First International Post-Graduate Conference of the GCLA Real and Imagined Boundaries in Late Antiquity (4th-9th century)

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9:15 ● Opening Remarks and Introduction of the Conference
Lieve Van Hoof and the Organiser Committee

keynote lecture

9:30 ● 'Ezānā of Aksum: The First Christian African King
Aaron Butts

• coffee break | 10:30 •

Institutional Boundaries

11:00 ● **Negotiating Boundaries**
The Local Élite and Governors in Antioch According to Libanius
Barbara Mander

11:30 ● **The Disputed Mountain**
The Definition of the Jurisdictions of Parma and Piacenza between the VII and IX Centuries: Stratigraphy of a Border
Andrea Tomasini

12:00 ● **The boundaries between professions in Late Antique Egypt**
Carl-Loris Raschel

• lunch break | 12:30 •

Religious and Cultural Boundaries

14:00 ● **Boundaries between Judaism and Christianity in a West Syriac Collection on Romans 9–11**
Hanna Hoogenraad

14:30 ● **Negotiated Boundaries**
Augustine's Anti-Manichaean Rhetoric in his Sermones ad Populum
Muxin Yan

• coffee break | 15:00 •

15:20 ● **Transcending Perceptual and Spatial Boundaries**
Worshipping Bodies in Late Antique Syriac Liturgical Commentaries
Maria Thomas

15:50 ● **Crossing Boundaries**
Mar Aba I and the Redefinition of Christian Community
Anna Giaconia

9:30 ● **Globalising the Sasanians: the Iranian Empire in the Longue Durée**
Khodadad Rezakhani

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Traveling and Migration Across Boundaries

11:00 ● **Ambivalent Boundaries**
Real and Imagined Bactrian Camels in Late Antique Central Asia
E.H. Everest Phillips & D. Decruyenaere

11:30 ● **Personal Pilgrimages**
Travelling as Intellectual Self-Presentation
Mathijs Clement

12:00 ● **Migratory behaviour as touchstone for the reality of borders in the fourth-century Fayyūm**
Kevin Hoogeveen

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Social Boundaries

14:00 ● **From Qaddīštā to al-Qiddīsa and Šir-kač**
Challenges of Religious Dialectics and Linguistic Boundaries in the Church of the East through the Acts of Anahid
Michael D. Ethington

14:30 ● **Shaping a new scholastic system and environmental alteration in 7th century Iraq**
cultural and geographical boundaries in the Life of Marutha of Tagrit
Cristina Tava

• coffee break | 15:00 •

15:20 ● **The Unbearable Lightness of Being Roman**
The Aberrant Emotionality of Goths and Italo-Romans in Cassiodorus's Variae
Anastasiia Mozorova

15:50 ● **The Milanese Proteus**
Ambrose's Relation to Philosophy in Contemporary Philosophical Historiography
Marek Slawinski

• coffee break | 16:20 •

16:40 ● **Blurring boundaries in urban context**
the God-fearers of late antique Aphrodisias
Justine De Rouck

Boundaries between Pagan and Christian Thought

9:30 ● **From Non-Christian to Christian**
therapeutic religious conversion in the Miracles of Sts. Kosmas and Damian
Elle Jones

10:00 ● **Breaking Boundaries Through Allusion**
Lucretius in Boethius' Consolatio Philosophiae
Victoria Lansing

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Transformation of Language and Meaning

11:00 ● **The fluid boundaries of late antique personifications**
Prolet Decheva

11:30 ● **Zagreus, Reborn**
Boundary-Breaking in Myth and Gaming
Beatriz Cavalheiro

• lunch break | 12:00 •

Physical Manifestations of Boundaries

14:00 ● **(Dis)union Carved into Stone?**
A Material Manifestation of Interconfessionalism in HAM 1975.41.45
Catherine McNally

14:30 ● **A boundary crossing of Late Antique Sogdiana – Early Medieval Sogd**
Vikentiy Parshuto

15:00 ● **The coast and the frog**
between land and water in Rutilius Namatianus and Venantius Fortunatus
Leila Williamson

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16:00 ● **On the edge. Margins, Coasts and Riverbanks in Texts of Late Antiquity (and Beyond)**
Marco Formisano

17:00 ● **Concluding Remarks and Acknowledgments**
the Organiser Committee

programme

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