

## RENOVATIO, INVENTIO, ABSENTIA IMPERII

### FROM THE ROMAN EMPIRE TO CONTEMPORARY IMPERIALISM

International conference organized by the Academia Belgica of Rome, the Belgian Historical Institute in Rome and the Princess Marie-José Foundation at the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Academia Belgica of Rome.

#### 11|09|2014

16.00-16.15 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY SPEECH BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ACADEMIA BELGICA IN THE PRESENCE OF HIS MAJESTY THE KING\***

16.15-17.00 **GENERAL KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Europe's Unique Experiment. The Bottom-up Creation of a Large Polity** - WIM BLOCKMANS, Leiden

17.00-19.30 Reception

#### 12|09|2014

09.30-10.30 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: A Second Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation? Rome and the Imperial Visions of Kaiser Wilhelm II** - MARTIN KOHLRAUSCH, Leuven

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.00 **ROME AND ITS HERITAGE I**

Stabilitas Imperii: a Crucial Concept of the Political Thought in the Early and High Middle Ages - STEFANO MANGANARO, Naples

Aspired Empires – Forged Empires. Imperial Claims and Ideas in Medieval Spain and England - CHRISTOPH MAUNTEL, Heidelberg

Imperial Republics: Liberty and Expansion in Venice and the Dutch Republic - ARTHUR WESTSTEIJN, Groningen/Rome

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.30 **ROME AND ITS HERITAGE II**

Walking in Bloody Sandals and the Imagined non-empire. Wilhelm von Humboldt, Johann Gottfried Herder, and Karl Friedrich Schinkel about the Roman Empire, Classical Antiquity and the German Future - FELIX SAURE, Leuphana

The Legacy of Rome, Republic and Empire, in Spanish and British America - ELISE BARTOSIK-VÉLEZ, Carlisle

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

16.00-18.00 **ROME AND ITS HERITAGE III**

Constructing the Roman Empire in a Post-imperial Historiography - PETER VAN NUFFELEN, Ghent

Rome as an Unlaid Ghost in 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> Century Russia: Rome Secular and Rome Spiritual - ENDRE SASHALMI, Pécs

Imperium, Imperator, and Fantasies of Sovereignty in British India - MILINDA BANERJEE, Kolkata/Heidelberg

19.00 Conference dinner

#### 13|09|2014

09.30-10.30 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: The European Union and the Roman Empire: Comparative Perspectives** - CHRISTOPH SCHÖNBERGER, Konstanz

10.30-11.00 Coffee break

11.00-13.00 **RADICALLY CHANGING PERSPECTIVES ON A HISTORICAL CATEGORY: THE ROMAN EMPIRE IN THE CONTEMPORARY ERA**

Empires' Declines: a Technocratic Rome and the Optimism of Edwardian Pessimism - EVA MARLENE HAUSTEINER, Berlin

A Contested Legacy. Conflicting Images of the Roman and British Empire in the Italian Imperialist Discourse through Liberal and Fascist Era - LAURA CERASI, Genoa

Translatio imperii Revisited in the Balkans: Serbian Imperial Imagination, 1878-1941 - ALEKSANDAR IGNJATOVIC, Belgrade

13.00-14.00 Lunch

14.00-15.00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Imperium Romanum: Grammaire d'un langage mythique** - CHRISTOPHE IMBERT, Toulouse

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-17.30 **THE IMAGINARY EMPIRE. PERFORMANCE AND REPRESENTATION OF POWER**

Exempla virtutis imperialis: Roman Predicates for British Imperial Identity in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century STEPHEN CAFFEY, College Station

Le nouveau César. La "renaissance" de Rome dans la politique européenne de Napoléon I<sup>er</sup> - VERONICA GRANATA, Liège

"Una rivoluzione dell'idea di Roma". L'immagine dell'impero nelle mostre fasciste del bimillenario augusteo, Roma 1937 - MADDALENA CARLI, Teramo

17.30-18.00 **CLOSING REMARKS**

**PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR PARTICIPATION ON THE CONFERENCE SITE:**

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**VENUE:**

**Palais der Academiën | Palais des Académies**  
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**\*Your presence is kindly requested by latest 15.45**

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