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Imperial Rule & Administration

in the 4th-Century
New Perspectives



JO 101
(Johannisstraße 4, 48143 MS)

– Conferenceprogram –

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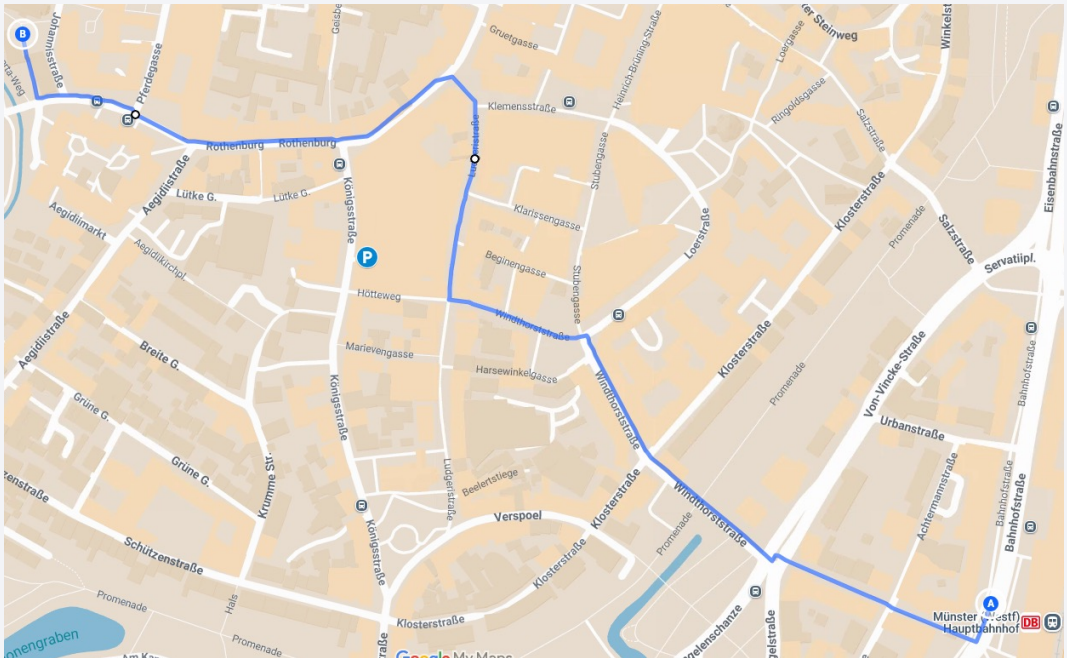
Arrival by train → Bus

From Münster (Westphalia) Central Station, take **bus lines 1, 12, 13 or 14** from **platform B1** to the **Domplatz** (approx. 50 m's walk).

From **bus platform C1**, take bus number 2 to the **Domplatz** or **bus number 10** to the **Aegidiimarkt** (approx. 120 m' walk).

Arrival by train → Walk

From the main entrance of the central station Münster (Westphalia), **walk down Windthorststraße**, which is across the street, for about 500m. When you reach the bakery (on the left) and Foto Köster (on the right), cross the street to keep left and **stay on Windthorststraße** for another 200m. Walk past the pharmacy's until you reach **Ludgeristraße**, then turn right. Keep on for about 300m, once you reach **Prinzipalmarkt**, follow the road to the left (towards **Rothenburg**). Continue along the road past the LWL-Museum (on the right), then after about 500m turn right into **Johannisstraße (4)**. The seminar building is right on the street.



Program

1 | Wed. 04.11.2026

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16:00 – 16:20 – Welcome –

16:20 – 18:00

Window-Shopping | Current Projects

Gavin Kelly
The Last Historians of Rome

Julia Hillner
Connecting Late Antiquities

Andrea Bernier
Deconstructing the Theodosian Code:
Archives and Collections of Laws in the Later Roman Empire (book project)

Katharina Wojciech
Women in Justinian's Legislation (book project)

Nicola Holm
The Urban Dynamics of Late Antique Antioch

Alessio Rebollo
Suburbicarian Italy in the Constantinian and Post-Constantinian Era:
Genesis, Society, Administration

18:15 – 19:45

Keynote | Studiobühne (Domplatz 23)
Christopher Kelly (Cambridge)
Goldflake and Innocence:
Approaching Imperial Power in Late Antiquity

Followed by a reception to celebrate the beginning of the academic year 26/27

2 | Thu. 05.11.2026

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ONE | **Praetorian Prefects**
Chair: Muriel Moser-Gerber (Münster)

9:00 – 9:50
Andrea Bernier (Torún)
New Inscriptions, Old Theories: Epigraphy and the Fourth-Century Praetorian Prefecture

9:50 – 10:40
Richard Flower (Exeter)
Praetorian Prefects in Narratives of Fourth-Century Ecclesiastical Disputes

10:40 – 11:10 – Coffee Break –

11:10 – 12:00
Gavin Kelly (Edinburgh)
Praetorian prefects in Ammianus Marcellinus

12:00 – 12:50
Benet Salway (London)
Praetorian prefects and imperial legislation from Constantine to Julian

12:50 – 14:00
– Lunch –

TWO | **Communication**
Chair: Elsemieke Daalder (Münster)

14:00 – 14:50
Simon Corcoran (Newcastle)
Un présent empoisonné: tetrarchic Latin in the epigraphy of the east

14:50 – 15:40
Patrick Sänger (Münster)
Communicating imperial rule: the papyri

15:40 – 16:15 – Coffee Break –

16:15 – 17:45
Keynote | Zoom
Denis Feissel (Paris)
Encountering Some Praetorian Prefects. A personal journey (LLAEM-Lecture)

19:00 – Conference Dinner –

3 | Fri. 06.11.2026

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THREE | **Emperors**
Chair: Hartmut Leppin (Frankfurt)

9:00 – 9:50
Marietta Horster (Mainz)
Educating Emperors

9:50 – 10:40
Muriel Moser-Gerber (Münster)
Constantine, religiosus or inclytus?

10:40 – 11:10 – Coffee Break –

FOUR | **Epigraphy**
Chair: Katharina Wojciech (Münster)

11:10 – 12:00
Silvia Orlandi (Rom) | via Zoom
Towards Late Antiquity: Continuity and change in the epigraphic habit

12:00 – 12:30
Final discussion and looking ahead

12:30 – End of Conference –