

*Workshop at the British School at Rome*  
**Port Networks in the Roman  
Mediterranean**

The ports of the Roman Mediterranean have been the focus of renewed interest in recent years. However, we still know little about their relationships to imperial Rome, which were mediated through Portus and Ostia.

Did demands for agricultural staples and other products by Rome generate a unified trading system or an aggregation of connected regional networks working at different scales? What roles were played by ports in such networks, and how did they change in the course of the imperial era? What were the relationships between these ports and the towns involved in the production of the agricultural staples?

The main focus of this Workshop is to focus upon methodological and interpretational challenges that confront specialists exploring inter-port connectivity and networks, particularly those focused upon Rome. The principal geographical focus of the Workshop will be the western Mediterranean, although not to the exclusion of papers concerning the east.

The chronological horizon will be between the Augustan period and the middle of the 3rd century AD, although this will not exclude the late antique period from discussion.

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*The workshop is held in collaboration with:*

**The British Academy**

**Soprintendenza per i Beni Archeologici di  
Ostia**

**Escuela Española de Arqueología y Historia  
Antigua en Roma**

**Institut Català d'Arqueologia Clàssica**

**Université d'Aix-en-Provence / CNRS**

**Society for Libyan Studies**

**Universidad de Sevilla**

*The workshop will be held in the Sainsbury  
Lecture Theatre - The British School at Rome  
All welcome.*

*Working languages: English, Italian, French,  
Spanish*

*Further information about the workshop can  
be found on the British School at Rome web  
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THE BRITISH SCHOOL AT ROME

**Port Networks in the  
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**Rome: 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

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**Simon Keay**  
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University of Southampton)*  
**T. Gambin**  
*(University of Malta &  
Aurora SP Trust)*

*Workshop organised at the*  
**British School at Rome**  
**Via Gramsci, 61**  
**Rome**

## Thursday 6th March

### 18.00 Evening lecture

**C. Morhange & N. Marriner**

*Geoscience of Ancient Mediterranean Harbours*

~ Drinks Reception ~

## Friday 7th March

### 09.00 Welcome / Introduction to the workshop

*Session 1: Portus, Ostia and Rome*

### 09.10 - 10.40

**S. Keay** : Portus in Context

**P. Pensabene** : Il ruolo di Porto nella redistribuzione dei marmi nel Mediterraneo

**G. Rizzo** : Ostia e Roma, un binomio ancora possibile? Alcuni generi importati in anfora in età antonina

~ Coffee Break ~

*Session 2: Navigation and Trade Routes*

### 11.00 - 12.30

**P. Arnaud** : Man, Weather and Sea: sailing to and from Portus

**T. Gambin** : Central Mediterranean Islands and satellite ports for Ancient Rome

**G. Boetto** : Les épaves comme sources pour l'étude de la navigation et des routes commerciales: une approche méthodologique

~ Lunch ~

### 14.30 - 16.00

**D. Peacock** : The Red Sea Port network and its Mediterranean context

*Session 3: The characterization of traded materials moving between ports in southern Spain, north Africa and Italy*

**J. Beltrán Fortes** : Puertos de la Bética. Explotación y rutas de comercialización de los marmora béticos

**E. García Vargas** : “Todos los caminos conducen a Roma”. Hispalis (Sevilla, España) y el “comercio anonario” en época imperial romana: el testimonio de las ánforas

~ Tea Break ~

### 16.30 - 18.00

**I. Rodá & A. Gutiérrez** : El impacto del mármol de Luni-Carrara en la fachada mediterránea de Hispania

**A. Augenti & E. Cirelli** : From suburb to port: the rise (and fall) of Classe as a centre of trade and re-distribution

Discussion

## Saturday 8th March

*Session 4: Methods for the archaeological definition of port networks*

### 09.30 - 10.30

**A. Wilson** : Conceptualizing Roman Ports

**J. Poblome** : Methods for the archaeological characterization of networks. A view from the East

~ Coffee Break ~

### 11.00 - 12.30

**R. Tomber** : Egypt's role in international trade: the ceramic framework

**P. Barresi** : I porti di Smirne ed Efeso come terminali della diffusione del marmo microasiatico in età imperiale

**L. Isaksen** : New Computational Methods for Modelling Roman Maritime Trade: Network Analysis and the Semantic Web

~ Lunch ~

*Session 5: Relationships between Italy, Iberia and Africa*

### 14.30 - 16.00

**D. Malfitana** : “Fructuosissima atque opportunissima provincia” (Cic. In Verrem, II, 3, 226). Il sistema “Sicilia”, le città, il Mediterraneo ed il centro di potere: l'evidenza ceramica

**M. Bonifay & A. Tchernia** : Les réseaux de la céramique africaine en Méditerranée (Ier-Ve s.)

**J. Remesal Rodríguez** : El control administrativo de la navegación fluvial de la Bética y sus conexiones con Roma

~ Tea Break ~

### 16.30 - 17.30

**D. Bernal Casasola** : Gadir/Gades y la re-distribución mercantil. Reflexiones desde el registro anfórico

Discussant **A. Tchernia**

### 17.30 - 18.30 Closing discussion

~ Drinks Reception ~