Law and Landscape in the Ancient Mediterranean

Hilary term 2018

Ioannou centre lecture theatre

2 p.m. on Tuesdays

Our knowledge and understanding of the ancient Mediterranean landscape has greatly benefited from the progress of rural and peri-urban archaeology, accompanied by a new reading of textual sources like local statutes. At the same time, our understanding of the law in the literal sense now situates strictly legal enactment (in the rather various senses in which that was understood in Antiquity) in a larger context of persuasive and normative behaviours and regulatory systems. This seminar is designed to offer new insights on the role of the general legal framework in the construction of the landscapes.

Week 1 (16th Jan.) Michel Tarpin (Université de Grenoble)
Coloniam deducere, urben condere: Did Romans « found » colonies?

Week 2 (23rd Jan.) Lina Girdvainyte (Oxford University)
“Rhomaioi” in the physical, legal, and institutional landscape of Macedonia and Achaia

Week 3 (30th Jan.) Marguerite Ronin (Oxford University)
The irrigated landscape: legal and economic issues

Week 4 (6th Feb.) Panagiotis Doukellis (Panteion University - Athens)
Law, landscape, population: Peasants’ petitions to the Emperor

Week 5 (13th Feb.) Eva Jakab (Szeged University)
Law and Land - a Stylus Tablet from Roman Britain

Week 6 (20th Feb.) NO SEMINAR THIS WEEK

Week 7 (27th Feb.) Clément Chillet (Université de Grenoble)
COSTATE-HaMO: aim and issues of a new project in territorial studies

Week 8 (6th Mar.) Nicolas Laubry (École Française de Rome)
Funerary Landscapes in Roman Italy

Conveners: Prof. Nicholas Purcell
Dr. Marguerite Ronin