Roman History 241-146 BC Dr O Elder MT 2025

These lectures are aimed at first-year AMH students taking the paper Roman History 241–146 and at Classics students taking RH4: Polybius, Rome and the Mediterranean. Translations of all sources will therefore be provided.

The lecture series will be partly chronologically and partly thematically structured. It aims to offer an overview of the entire period, and we will also pause to explore specific themes and questions in more detail. It will introduce students to the wide range of ancient sources for the period: literature, inscriptions, coins and art.

Lecture Titles:

Week 1: Setting the Scene; Key Background to 241 Week 2: Beginnings of Empire (c. 241–220 BC)

Week 3: The Hannibalic War: History, Literature, Historiography

Week 4: Roman Politics Week 5: Looking East

Week 6: Beyond Rome: Kings and Other Things

Week 7: Culture Wars

Week 8: Women Overlooked? Looking Forwards from 146