

**PORTRAITS OF POWER:
THE ROMAN EMPEROR THROUGH HIS VISUAL IMAGES**
CARMONA, SEVILLE – 9/10 OCTOBER 2026

FRIDAY, 9TH OCTOBER

10:00 -10:30 Welcome and introduction

Elena Muñoz Grijalvo - Universidad Pablo de Olavide

10:30 - 11:30 Coins and the construction of imperial ideology

Jas Elsner - Oxford University

11:30 - 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 - 12:40 The emperor's statue in the Roman world: a taxonomy of interactions

Panayiotis Christoforou - Oxford University

12:40 - 13:20 Re-imaged power: the Roman emperor seen through provincial coinage

Dario Calomino - Università degli Studi di Verona

13:30 - 15:30 Lunch

15:30 - 16:10 The power of the imperial face: phenomena of physiognomic attraction in portraiture within the *Domus Augusta* and beyond

Emanuelle Rosso - Sorbonne Université

16:10 - 16:50 Imperial images as ornamenta? A few case studies

Sylvia Estienne - École Normale Supérieure

16:50 – 17:30 Interactions with the image of the emperor

Angelos Chaniotis - Institute for Advanced Studies, Princeton

20:30 Dinner

SATURDAY, 10TH OCTOBER

9:00 - 9:40 **Αὔγουστε, τοὺ βίνκας'. A diachronic analysis of the representation of the emperor in Crete**

Pablo Rodríguez Valdés - Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

9:40 - 10:20 **A monument to contention? Diocletian's column in Alexandria**

Monica Hellström - Lund University

10:20 - 11:00 **Roman pharaohs: visualising the emperor as king of Egypt**

Nicola Barbagli - Nederlands Instituut voor het Nabije Oosten, Leiden

11:00 - 11:20 **Coffee break**

11:20 – 12:00 **Shaping power through imperial statues in Egypt: actors, spaces and types of interactions**

Esperanza Ródenas Perea - Universidad Pablo de Olavide

12:00 - 12:40 **Colossal emperors and ceremonial cities**

Fernando Lozano e Iván Quijada - Universidad de Sevilla

12:40 - 13:15 **Debate:** Towards new interpretations of imperial images

13:30 - 15:00 **Lunch**

16:00 **Guided tour of the Italica Archaeological Site**

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