Hadrian: an international conference at the British Museum
Wednesday 16 – Friday 18 December 2009
Stevenson Lecture Theatre

Inspired by the British Museum’s 2008 exhibition Hadrian: Empire and Conflict, leading international experts explore aspects of the Roman emperor Hadrian’s life and reign. The main focus will be on new research and current fieldwork.

Lecture: Britain under Trajan and Hadrian
Friday 18 December, 13.15
BP Lecture Theatre
With Professor Anthony Birley, Vindolanda Trust

Conference: £75, students and British Museum Members £40
Special lecture on Friday 18 December: free, booking required

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Image: Marble bust of the Roman emperor Hadrian wearing military dress. From Hadrian’s Villa, Tivoli, c. AD 118–130.
PROGRAMME

Wednesday 16 December

09.30  Registration and coffee

10.00  Welcome

10.15  Hadrian’s monuments to Trajan
       Amanda Claridge, Royal Holloway, University of London

10.45  Discussion

11.00  What’s in a name? Hadrian’s Pantheon and its Agrippan inscription
       Mary T Boatwright, Duke University, North Carolina

11.30  The date and design of the Pantheon in the light of recent scholarship (title TBC)
       Mark Wilson-Jones, University of Bath

12.00  Discussion

12.15  Lunch break (lunch not included)

13.45  The architectural decoration of Hadrian’s Villa: new research prospects
       Benedetta Adembri, Soprintendenza per i beni archeologici del Lazio, Rome

14.15  The newly discovered black and white marble quarries at Göktepe (Aphrodisias)
       and their use during Hadrian’s times and the 2nd century AD
       Matthias Bruno, La Sapienza University, Rome, &
       Donato Attanasio, Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Rome

14.45  Discussion

15.00  Coffee

15.30  Philhellenism with a purpose? Hadrian and the Greek East
       Thorsten Opper, British Museum

16.00  Ancient Georgia and Rome
       Manana Odisheli-Vickers, Oxford-Batumi Archaeological Expedition

16.30  Discussion

Thursday 17 December

10.00  The colossal statue of Hadrian from the Roman Baths at Sagalassos:
       typology, function and political context
       Ridder Marc Waelkens, Catholic University Leuven, & Semra Maegele, University of Cologne

10.30  Hadrian and Matidia Minor in Sessa Aurunca: the decorative
       programme of the Roman theatre
       Sergio Cascella, Soprintendenza alle antichità della Campania, Naples

11.00  Discussion
11.15 Coffee

11.45 Images of a Divine Creature: the Brussels Antinous and its workshop
Cécile Evers, Université Libre de Bruxelles & Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire

12.15 Coinage for the empress: Sabina's hairstyle and chronology at the Roman mint
Richard Abdy, British Museum

12.45 Discussion

13.00 Lunch break (lunch not included)

14.15 Re-shaping the empire: Hadrian’s economic policy
Rosario Rovira-Guardiola, British Museum

14.45 Embassies and exchange in Hadrian’s trade with the East
Roberta Tomber, British Museum

15.15 Discussion

15.30 Coffee

16.00 Hispania: Hadrian's relationship with his home province
José Remesal Rodríguez, University of Barcelona

16.30 Discussion

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10.00 Recovering Hadrian: fact and fiction
Keith Bradley, University of Notre Dame, Indiana

10.30 Discussion

10.45 Coffee

11.15 The Hadrian Trail: how to transform an emperor into an attraction
Roberto Novelli & Barbara Marcotulli, Rome Chamber of Commerce/Promoroma

11.45 Discussion

12.00 Lunch break (lunch not included)

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