

On the occasion of the 2007 Francqui Prize awarded to François de Callatay (Royal Library of Belgium), the Francqui Foundation and the Royal Library of Belgium are proud to announce an international conference on the theme: 'Long-Term Quantification in Ancient Mediterranean History' to be held at the Royal Library of Belgium.

A first conference has already been devoted to a more specific theme: 'Quantifying monetary supplies in Greco-Roman times' (Rome, Academia Belgica, September 29th and 30th, 2008).

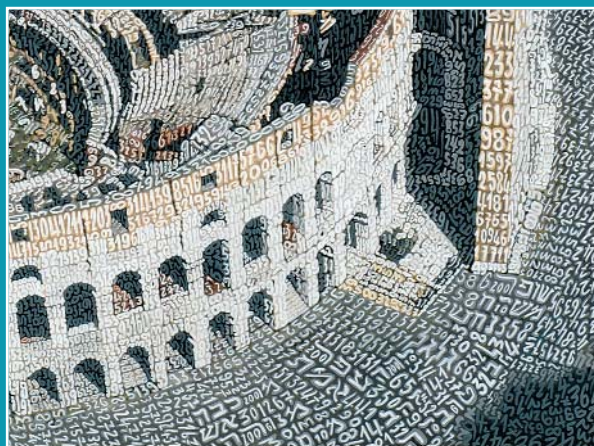
The Brussels conference will enlarge the scope both chronologically (from Babylonian times to Middle Ages) and thematically (beyond numismatics). Eighteen leading experts will present original papers including case-studies as well as methodological thought about quantification itself.

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Francqui conference

Long-Term Quantification in Ancient Mediterranean History

Brussels

October 15th and 16th, 2009



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PROGRAM

OCTOBER 15TH, 2009 (THURSDAY)

8:00 AM Welcome and registration

9:30 AM Official opening

MORNING SESSION (CHAIRMAN: PROF. R. BAGNALL)

10:00 AM
François de Callataÿ (Bibliothèque royale de Belgique/
Université Libre de Bruxelles)
*Towards a sociology of the uses of quantification in
Greco-Roman history?*

10:30 AM Coffee-break

11:00 AM
Claude Diebolt (CNRS – Université de Strasbourg)
The stakes of cliometrics

11:30 AM
Neville S. Morley (Bristol University)
Orders of magnitude, margins of error

12:00 AM Discussion

12:30-14:00 PM Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION (CHAIRMAN: PROF. E. LO CASCIO)

14:00 PM
Gerassimos George Aperghis (University College
London)
*Creating a long-term computer model for
an ancient economy*

14:30 PM
Robert J. van der Spek (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
*On the efficiency of markets for agricultural
products in pre-industrial societies: the case of
Babylonia c. 400 – c. 60 BC.*

15:00 PM Discussion

15:30 PM Coffee-break

16:00 PM
Alain Bresson (Chicago University)
*Grain, market and agricultural production in Greece:
ancient and modern data*

16:30 PM
Josiah Ober (Stanford University)
Explaining performance in the polis system

17:00 PM
Didier Viviers (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
Demography and ancient towns: questions and difficulties

17:30 PM Discussion

18:00 PM End of the afternoon session

OCTOBER 16TH 2009 (FRIDAY)

MORNING SESSION (CHAIRMAN: PROF. A. BRESSON)

09:30 AM
Michael Crawford (University College, London)
Price relativities in the Greco-Roman world

10:00 AM
Peter Temin (Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Cambridge)
Price behavior in the Roman Empire

10:30 AM Coffee-break

11:00 AM
Elio Lo Cascio (Università degli studi di Roma la
Sapienza) and **Paolo Malanima** (Università degli
Studi Mediterranea di Reggio Calabria)
*Per capita GDP in the Roman economy:
a revision of the estimates*

11:30 AM
Willem Jongman (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen)
The new economic history of the Roman Empire

12:00 AM Discussion

12:30-14:00 PM Lunch

AFTERNOON SESSION (CHAIRMAN: PROF. P. TEMIN)

14:00 PM
Geoffrey Kron (University of Victoria, Canada)
*Comparative evidence and the reconstruction of
the ancient economy: Greco-Roman housing and
the level and distribution of wealth and income*

14:30 PM
Andrew Wilson (All Souls College, Oxford)
*Quantifying Roman economic performance by means
of proxies: pitfalls and potential*

15:00 PM
Roger S. Bagnall (New York University)
Late Roman data collection

15:30 PM Discussion

16:00 PM Coffee-break

16:30 PM
Jean-Pierre Devroey (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
*Mesurer et compter dans les écrits de gestion
carolingiens de part et d'autre des Alpes*

17:00 PM
Walter Scheidel (Stanford University)
4,000 years of wages and well-being

17:30 PM Discussion

18:00 PM End of the afternoon session