The Roman and Islamic City in North Africa
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Workshop organized by the Impact of the Ancient City project
McDonald Institute seminar room

The Impact of the Ancient City project reassesses how the Greco-Roman city was variously embraced in the Islamic and Christian worlds across the Mediterranean, up to the present day. The project’s approach to urban evolutions pairs development on the ground with that in the imagination. Our first workshop focuses on North Africa and al-Andalus to examine the character and tempo of Islamic impact, and how what we find in the western Mediterranean diverged from what is more familiar from research in the eastern region. This workshop starts from a convergence of interests in recent work at Volubilis, and broadens out to consider the complex story of the afterlife of the Roman city in North Africa and southern Spain.

Programme

09.00 – 09.30: Registration and welcome by Andrew Wallace-Hadrill

09.30 – 10.30: Javier Martinez-Jimenez, Roman and Islamic Urbanisms at the Straits of Gibraltar.

10.30 – 11.30: Lisa Fentress, Volubilis and Walila between Idris and the Awraba

11.30 – 12.00: Coffee/Tea break

12.00 – 13.00: Corisande Fenwick, Where are those great and most splendid cities?: Rethinking medieval urbanism in early Islamic North Africa.

13.00 – 14.00: Lunch

14.00 – 15.00: Said Ennahid, Of Saints and Sultans: Muslim Shrines at Roman Archaeological Sites in Morocco.

15.00 – 16.00: Susana Calvo Capilla, “Spolia” in al-Andalus and North Africa: a form of historicism and political legitimation.

16.00 – 16.30: Coffee/Tea break


17.30 – 18.30: Hugh Kennedy, Response and final discussion.

19.00 – 22.00: Dinner for speakers

If you wish to attend the workshop or have any other questions, please send your name and email address to Beth Clark at bc469@cam.ac.uk