Concept
The establishment of the Imperial court in different cities of the Empire in Late Antiquity is an extremely interesting area of enquiry for the comparison of different historical and historiographical understanding of processes of transformation and redefinition of cultural models and actual urban and living spaces.
We are interested in analysing transformations within the capital cities and in their external relations, as well as in the transformation of their landscape and regional connections.
Within the internal transformations we will focus on innovations in the urban structures and building, the improvement of urban services, the different use of public spaces, the creation of new cultural and religious relations, different forms of communication, the changes of power relations within the different social groups such as the development of new aristocracies, the transfer of administrative elites, relation with marginal groups, new forms of collective and family life experiences.
We are also interested in the wider territorial impacts, environmental changes, re-design of communication networks and of water and food supplying as well as the evolution of urban identities and imaginary in intellectual production.
Comparison among historical developments in different geographical areas and existing inter-connections will also be focused in the analysis and debate.

The Unibo-UdeM Joint Research Lab
Starting from the academic year 2016-2017 the Centre d'études classiques - Département d'Histoire of the Université de Montreal, and the Department of History and Cultures of the University of Bologna have started a structural cooperation aimed at establishing a Joint Lab on strategic research areas of common interest focusing on the relevance of the Ancient world.
Thanks to the funding of the two Institutions in the academic year 2017/2018 the Joint Lab could start implementation through specific initiatives.
The initiatives have been articulated in the following actions:
1) a Joint Field Work Course Unit on Late Antiquity involving 20 graduate students and 10 undergraduate students in an integrated course unit carried out jointly between January and May 2018. Students have been working in transnational groups on research dealing with the annual working topic: Capital cities in Late Antiquity as a case study and have then discussed their findings during a field trip in the three imperial capital cities Rome, Milan and Ravenna from June 6th to June 14th.
2) Three short residencies of graduate students to carry out their thesis and four residencies of Post-doc researchers in both Universities between March 2017 and October 2018. Within the broad area of the Joint Lab
3) two scientific meetings open to International scholars in Montreal (6-7/9/2018) and in Bologna (23-24/9/2018) focusing on the annual working topic two graduate students research career training within the the broad area of the Joint Lab.
Prima sessione: 10.00-11.00
Presiede Stéphane Ratti

Valerio Neri (Bologna), Criminalità comune nelle città tardoantiche. Il furto e la sua repressione a Roma e in Occidente

Paolo Mastandrea (Venezia), Le città nobili dell’Historia Augusta

Seconda sessione 11.15-13.00
Presiede Valerio Neri

Maria Vittoria Escribano Paño (Saragoza), Delimitando la ciudad cristiana: la topographia prohibida en CTh 16,5 (de hereticis)

Tommaso Gnoli (Bologna), Roma nella Historia Augusta tra fiction e realtà

Terza Sessione 15.00-16.30
Presiede Francesca Cenerini

Christel Freu (Laval), La construction édilitaire dans les cités de l’Égypte tardive: acteurs et financements

Salvatore Cosentino (Bologna), Il tariffario di Abydos e l’approvvigionamento di Costantinopoli

Isabella Baldini (Bologna), I Tychaia nelle capitali e nelle città tardoantiche

Quarta Sessione 17.00-19.00
Presiede Christian Raschle

Beatrice Girotti (Bologna), L’Aeterna seconda. Costantinopoli, Roma e la legittimazione giuliana

Vincent Nicolini (Montréal), Réguler la pauvreté à Costantinople

Quinta Sessione 9.30-11.00
Presiede Tommaso Gnoli

Anna Lina Morelli (Bologna), Vicennalia costantiniani: un “itinerario monetale”

Salvatore Puliatti (Parma), Tutela e reficere. Aspetti della politica edilizia nel tardoantico

Michel Yves Perrin (Paris), Usi del modello civico in contesto cristiano nel tardoantico. Alcune osservazioni

Sesta Sessione 11.15-13.00
Presiede Michel Yves Perrin

Christian Raschle (Montréal), Le centre du pouvoir: les capitales provinciales et la communication politique de l’empire tardif

Marilena Casella (Messina), Antiochia capitale a intermittenza

Stéphane Ratti (Bourgogne Franche-Comté), Saint Augustin et Rome: le rendez-vous manqué

Discussione e Conclusioni

Settima sessione 14.30-17.30
Presiede Federicomaria Muccioli

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