

Ruling an Empire in a Changing World

Studies on Origin, Impact, and Reception of the *Notitia Dignitatum*

The Department of Archaeology of the Roman Provinces at the University Freiburg is hosting, from 20–23 November 2019, a conference on the source value of the *Notitia Dignitatum*. The venue of the conference is Haus zur Lieben Hand, Löwenstraße 16, D-79098 Freiburg i. Br.

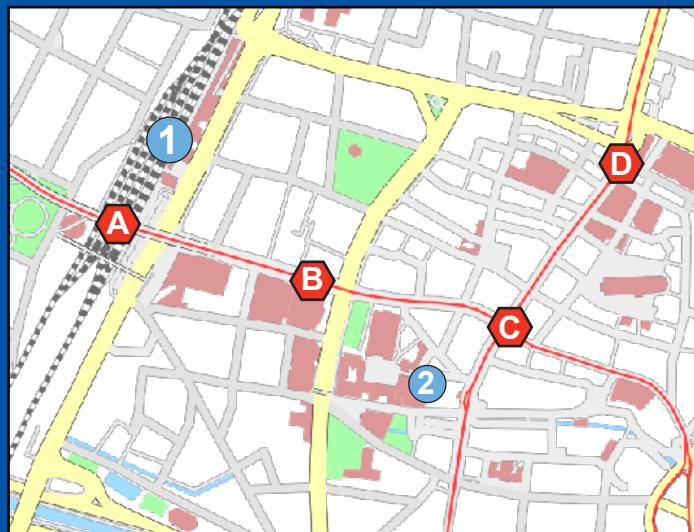
This conference is the first such event in 45 years to focus on this document which remains crucial for a thorough understanding of Late Antiquity. Digitisation of all known fragments and manuscripts of the *Notitia* has enabled scholars to critically examine and compare all extant manuscripts, challenging interpretations that have been built upon the use of only a few manuscripts. Moreover, due to its many illustrations, the *Notitia Dignitatum* is a unique document necessitating interdisciplinary collaboration between various study fields of antiquity. Speakers from 13 different countries will present their research in the disciplines of Ancient History, Epigraphy, Papyrology, Archaeology of the Roman Provinces, Archaeology of Late Antiquity, Art History, and Medieval History – achieving a truly interdisciplinary perspective!



Conference registration

The conference is free to attend for all interested individuals. However, registration by 1 November is essential due to restrictions of space. To register, please email:

notitiadignitatum2019@gmx.de



Main locations

- 1 Main railway station
- 2 „Haus zur Lieben Hand.“

Tram line 4

(Zähringen or Messe)

- A „Main railway station“
- B „Stadtheater“
- C „Bertholdsbrunnen“
- D „Siegesdenkmal“

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Wednesday, 20th November 2019

- 18.15 **Peter Brennan** (University of Sydney)
The *Notitia Dignitatum*. The hidden history and riddles of a Late Roman register of dignities and administrations

Public lecture

Thursday, 21st November 2019

- 9.00 **Opening and Welcome**
- 9.15 **Charles Mériaux** (Université de Lille)
Notitia Dignitatum and the use of Late Roman admin. documents in the Early Medieval West
- 9.45 **Kirsten Wallenwein** (Universität Heidelberg)
Spätantike Schriftlichkeit und neuzeitliche Verschiebung in der *Notitia Dignitatum*
- 10.15 *Coffee break (30 min)*
- 10.45 **Silke Diederich** (Universität Köln)
Die *Notitia Dignitatum*, die *Tabula Peutingeriana* und die Tradition der römischen Kartographie
- 11.15 **Joris Corin Heyder** (Universität Bielefeld)
Gleichzeitigkeit des Ungleichzeitigen. Zum Status der Kopien der *Notitia Dignitatum* im 15. und 16. Jahrhundert
- 11.45 *Lunch time (2 h)*
- 13.45 **Stephen Johnson** (London)
The illustrations in the *Notitia Dignitatum*
- 14.15 **Javier Arce** (Université de Lille)
Civitates et castella in the *Notitia Dignitatum*
- 14.45 **Marko Jelusić** (Universität Freiburg i. Br.)
Artists or archivists? Painting, transmission and meaning of the shield illustrations
- 15.15 *Coffee break (30 min)*
- 15.45 **Jacek Wiewiorowski** (University of Gdańsk)
The *effigies of fauna* as the topographical allusions in the *insignia* of *Notitia Dignitatum pars Orientis*
- 16.15 **Barbara Niemeyer** (Staatl. Museen Berlin)
Largitiones. Darstellungen in der *Notitia Dignitatum* und die Originale der Spätantike
- 16.45 *Coffee break (15 min)*
- 17.00 **Jeroen Wijnendaele** (Ghent University)
"An anti-user's guide to the *Notitia Dignitatum*" (or how not to study the fifth century western Roman army)

Friday, 22nd November 2019

- 9.15 **Hannsjörg Ubl** (Universität Wien)
Ordnungssystem der *Notitia Dignitatum* im Vergleich österreichischer Armeelisten des 19. Jh.
- 9.45 **Conor Whately** (University of Winnipeg)
Ammianus Marcellinus, Vegetius, and the *Notitia Dignitatum*
- 10.15 **Craig Caldwell** (Appalachian State University)
The Shadow of Civil War in the *Notitia Dignitatum*
- 10.45 *Coffee break (30 min)*
- 11.15 **Michael Alexander Speidel** (Universität Bern)
Truppenverschiebungen und Stationierungsorte im Ostheer anhand der *Notitia Dignitatum*
- 11.45 **K. Oberhofer** (Uni. Köln)/**A. Picker** (BDA Abt. Arch.)
Brecantia *incognita*. Zur archäologischen Fassbarkeit des spätantiken Bregenz im Lichte aktueller Forschungen
- 12.15 *Lunch time (2 h)*
- 14.15 **Christian Witschel** (Universität Heidelberg)
Grenzverteidigung in den Nordwestprovinzen anhand der Listen in der *Notitia*
- 14.45 **Paul Kucera** (University of Central Florida)
The Roman military presence in Egypt's Western Desert in light of the *Notitia Dignitatum*
- 15.15 *Coffee break (30 min)*
- 15.45 **V. Ivanišević / I. Bugarski** (Inst. of Arch. Belgrade)
Notitia Dignitatum and the Limes of Moesia Prima. Strategic Relevance and Landscape
- 16.15 **Alan Rushworth** (Newcastle University)
The North African Military Commands in the *Notitia* (ND Occ. XXV-XXVI, XXX-XXXI)
- 16.45 *Coffee break (15 min)*
- 17.00 **Bernhard Palme** (Universität Wien)
Civil Administration and Military Organisation in Egypt. The *Notitia Dignitatum* and the Papyrological Evidence

III. The *Notitia* as a source in military history

IV. Border defense and organisation

Keynote II

Saturday, 23rd November 2019

- 9.15 **Daniëlle Slootjes** (Radboud Uni. Nijmegen)
Hierarchy and administrative geography in the *Notitia Dignitatum*
- 9.45 **Michael Zerjadtke** (Universität Hamburg)
Der dux im 4. und 5. Jahrhundert und in der *Notitia Dignitatum*
- 10.15 *Coffee break (30 min)*
- 10.45 **Rob Collins** (Newcastle University)
Archaeology and the Command of the *dux Britanniarum* (ND Oc. XL)
- 11.15 **Maxime Emion** (Uni. Le Havre Normandie)
Sub dispositione. À propos d'une formule dans la *Notitia Dignitatum*

- 11.45 Summary
- 12.00 Final discussion
- 12.45 Departure



V. Administration and structure

Chair: Karl Heiner Dahm

Concluding discussion