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Participation by invitation only

The potential of education as a determinant for social in- and exclusion is undeniable. Recent studies on education and social equality have revealed how one's parents' level of learning opens (or closes) socioeconomic opportunities in 21st-century Germany. And yet, we can observe similar phenomena in Greco-Roman antiquity. Especially in the period from the 4th to the 6th century that witnessed serious political and social transformations, classical learning developed into a resource for (re-)negotiating status. As "foreign" *foederati* acted as power brokers in a disintegrating Roman empire, established elites clung to education. This was especially the case in late Roman Gaul where the senatorial aristocracies struggled to keep the idea(l) of Romanitas alive – a concept centred around shared canons and institutions of learning.

The international conference "Gallia Docta" gathers *feminae litteratae* and *viri litterati* of our times to discuss learning and its limitations in late antique Gaul across national as well as disciplinary borders. For the first time, a conference explicitly addresses the role of women in Gallo-Roman society and the literary circles of their learned husbands. Thus, we aim to (re-)evaluate phenomena of social in- and exclusion through education in late antique Gaul. Though a parallelization of past and present seems tempting, we are aware of anachronistic analogies. A cultural-historical approach, however, may allow a structural comparison.

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Gallia docta? Learning and its Limitations in late antique Gaul

Gallia docta? Bildung (begrenzen) im spätantiken Gallien



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Digital International Conference
17th – 20th March 2021

Wednesday, 17th March 2021

6.00 pm

Public Key Note Lecture

Sidonius' kunstsinnige Musen

Sigrid Mratschek (Rostock)

Moderation: Susanne Froehlich (Greifswald)

afterwards: digital reception (Wonder)

Thursday, 18th March 2021

Session 1: Inclusion and exclusion – towards a framework

Moderation: Jakob Riemenschneider (Innsbruck)

9.00 am – 10.00 am

Welcome by the academic manager of the Alfried Krupp Wissenschaftskolleg and introduction

Theoretical approaches to inclusion and exclusion

Tabea L. Meurer

Veronika Egetenmeyr

10.00 am – 10.30 am

Response

Peter Gemeinhardt (Göttingen)

10.30 am – 10.45 am

Break

10.45 am – 11.45 am

Barbarians within the gates. Integration and desintegration in late Roman Gaul

Christian Stadermann (Mainz)

11.45 am – 12.45 pm

The value of classical education (*paideia*) reflected in the material culture of the later Roman Empire

Nikolas Hächler (Zürich / Paris)

12.45 pm – 2.00 pm

Lunch Break

Session 2: Sidonius and his circle – exclusiveness through education

Moderation: Martin Bauer (Innsbruck)

2.00 pm – 3.00 pm

The consummate gentleman weighs his 'You' and 'I'

Joop van Waarden (Nijmegen / Amsterdam)

3.00 pm – 4.00 pm

Gemeinschaftsbildung und Selbstvergewisserung. Zu Stil und Komposition der *carmina minora* des Sidonius Apollinaris

Gernot M. Müller (Bonn)

4.00 pm – 4.15 pm

Break

4.15 pm – 5.15 pm

"Bei solchem Zank öffnet sich der Satire ein weites Feld": Schlagfertigkeit und briefliches Selbstbewusstsein in Sidonius Brief 1,11

Ulrike Egelhaaf-Gaiser (Göttingen)

Friday, 19th March 2021

Session 3: Schools, monasteries, and books – educational disparities in Gaul?

Moderation: Immanuel Musäus (Greifswald)

9.00 am – 10.00 am

The schools of Gaul revisited – old questions and new perspectives

Raphael Schwitter (Zürich / Bonn)

10.00 am – 11.00 am

When you have nothing nice to say ...: hostile letters of recommendation in late antique Gaul

Willum Westenholz (Wien)

11.00 am – 12.30 pm

Lunch Break

Session 4: *Feminae litteratae* – women and education in late antique Gaul

Moderation: Bernard van Wickevoort

Crommelin (Greifswald)

12.30 pm – 1.30 pm

The role of women in Gallic letter collections in the second half of the 5th century

Hendrik Hess (Bonn)

1.30 pm – 1.45 pm

Break

1.45 pm – 2.45 pm

Widows, nuns and religious knowledge in Gallic cloisters

Maik Patzelt (Osnabrück)

2.45 pm – 3.45 pm

Lists as a means of education in Sidonius Apollinaris' letters and poems

Judith Hindermann (Basel)

Saturday, 20th March 2021

Session 5: Social structures and education in Gaul

Moderation: Roland Steinacher (Innsbruck)

9.00 am – 10.00 am

Bilingualism in literary circles of Gaul

Alison John (Ghent)

10.00 am – 11.00 am

Count Arbogast addressed by Sidonius and Auspicius of Toul – an episcopal eye for a barbarian guy?

Danuta Shanzer (Wien)

11.00 am – 11.30 am

Break

11.30 am – 12.30 pm

Résumé and final discussion