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THURSDAY 26/09/2019

14:00 Monika Trümper (Freie Universität Berlin)
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Introduction and welcome talk

SESSION I: CONSTRUCTION AND ECONOMIC THEORY
Chairperson: Monika Trümper

14:20 Dominik Maschek (University of Oxford)
“Our sources desert us [...] and archaeology cannot help.” Some thoughts on why we need an ‘architectural turn’ in studying the ancient economy

15:10 Neville Morley (University of Exeter)
The economics of urban infrastructure

16:00 Tea and coffee

16:20 Natalia Toma (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Berlin)
Estimating ancient construction processes. Epigraphical and archaeological data vs. 19th century building manuals

17:10 Seth Burnard (University of Toronto)
Food, energy, and Roman architectural production

18:00 RECEPTION

FRIDAY 27/09/2019

SESSION II: PROCUREMENT AND TRANSPORT OF BUILDING MATERIALS
Chairperson: Dominik Maschek

09:00 Christopher Courault (Universität de Genève)
Économie et réutilisation de matériel dans la construction au cours de l’Antiquité tardive. Une réflexion sur les ensembles de Conduîne (Espagne) et de Genève (Suisse)

10:50 Caterina Previtali (Università degli Studi di Padova)
The economic impact and the dynamics of stone supply in construction processes: the case study of early Imperial Aquileia (Italy)

11:40 Tea and coffee

11:00 Anna Gutiérrez Garcia-Moreno (Institut Català d’Arqueologia Clàssica, Tarragona)
Local stones & remote marbles for monumental architecture in Roman Tarraco

12:50 Mike Schnelle (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Berlin)
Considerations regarding building processes, logistics and economic aspects of South Arabian monumental architecture from the 1st Millennium BC – the Almahag-Temple of Yeha (Ethiopia) as a case study

13:00 Lunch

SESSION III: ECONOMICS OF THE BUILDING PROCESS
Chairperson: Janet DeLaine

14:00 Francesca Bologna (King’s College London)
The economics and logistics of Roman wall painting: workforce, materials, demand

15:40 Tea and coffee

16:00 Hélène Dessales (École normale supérieure, Paris)
Corner quoins techniques in Roman masonry walls: experiments and innovations at Pompeii

16:50 Cathalin Recko (Universität zu Köln)
Considering building economy at the Forum of Pompeii

19:00 SPEAKERS DINNER

SATURDAY 28/09/2019

SESSION IV: THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CONSTRUCTION
Chairperson: Neville Morley

09:00 Simon Barker, Courtney Ward (Det norske institutt i Roma)
The Economics of constructing republican tombs: the case of Gaius Cestius and his Pyramid

10:40 Tea and coffee

11:00 Javier Domingo (Pontificia Università della Santa Croce, Roma)
Il costo di costruire nel mondo antico, una fattore decisivo?

12:40 Final discussion

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