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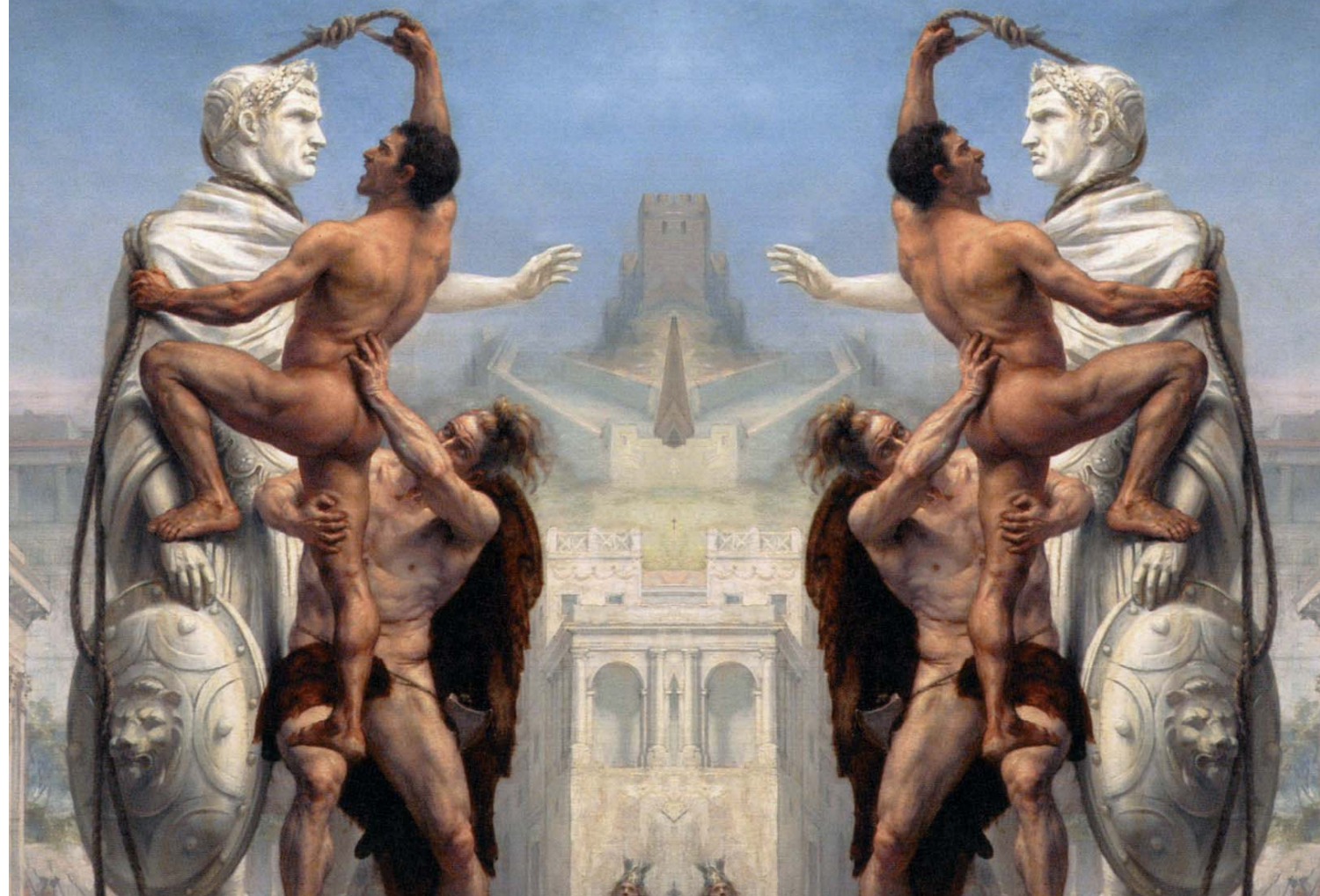
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## 410 AD The Sack of Rome

07-09 10\_Istituto Svizzero di Roma  
04-06 11\_German Archaeological  
Institute at Rome

Opening at the British School at Rome

## 410 AD THE SACK OF ROME

24 August 2010 marks the date of the 1600th anniversary of the sack of Rome by the West Gothic king Alaric and his troops. The capture of the caput mundi marked a caesura in the history of the Eternal City. It was seen by pagans and Christians alike as a global event, found various echoes in contemporary literature and was perceived and commented upon far beyond Rome itself. The anniversary of this 'global event' shall be taken as an occasion to analyse the construction of the sack of Rome from different disciplines, to analyse the range of meanings of the year 410 both in history and in its reception, and to investigate the city of Rome as a symbol of collapse and renewal. The latter issue is less concerned with the verification of historical facts, but focusses rather on the uncovering of multiple facets and dissonances of the concept of a city's fall and (eventual) resurrection.

For this reason, in autumn 2010 two research conferences in Rome are dedicated to the theme of Alaric's sack of Rome in 410. From 7 to 9 October, the **Istituto Svizzero di Roma** has organised the conference 'The Fall of Rome in 410 and the Resurrections of the Eternal City,' in which the questions of representation and depiction of the event and its reception will be considered primarily from a historical and literary-philological perspective. A complementary event is being held under the aegis of the **German Archaeological Institute at Rome** from 4 to 6 November, in a conference entitled '410 – The Sack of Rome: the Fall, its Context and its Impact.' This conference primarily gathers the archaeological data for the sack of Rome in 410 and discusses the context of what led up to the event and the historical consequences thereafter. Two contributions which consider the event from the perspective of its meaning for the end of the Roman Empire round off and close the conference.

The joint opening of both conferences takes place on the evening of 7 October in the presence of prominent invited guests at the **British School at Rome**.



## PROGRAMME

### 07 October 2010\_British School at Rome INAUGURATION

**18.00** - *Welcome address*  
Christopher Smith (British School at Rome)  
Henner von Hesberg (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Rom)  
Christoph Riedweg (Istituto Svizzero di Roma)

*Introduction into the congresses*  
Henriette Harich-Schwarzbauer (Universität Basel)  
and Karla Pollmann (University of St Andrews)  
Philipp von Rummel (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Rom)

**18.30**  
Arnaldo Marcone (Università degli Studi Roma Tre):  
410 d.C.: *La caduta “con rumore” di un Impero*

### 08-09 10\_ISTITUTO SVIZZERO DI ROMA I. THE FALL OF ROME IN 410 AND THE RESURRECTIONS OF THE ETERNAL CITY

Organizers: Henriette Harich-Schwarzbauer (Universität Basel), Karla Pollmann (University of St Andrews)

### 08 October 2010\_Istituto Svizzero di Roma I. THE FALL OF ROME IN 410 AND ITS BACKGROUND

**09.00**  
Karla Pollmann (University of St Andrews):  
*Images of Rome before 410 AD*

**09.45**  
Henriette Harich-Schwarzbauer (Universität Basel):*Poesie der Angst? Rom- Panegyrik um 400. Die Mauern Roms in der epischen Dichtung Claudians*

**10.30** - Coffee break

**11.00**  
Therese Fuhrer (Freie Universität Berlin):*Rom als Diskursort und Stadt der Apostel und Märtyrer: Augustins Rombild-Konstruktionen*

**11.45**  
Beat Näf (Universität Zürich):*Kaiser Honorius und der Fall Roms. Zur Macht des Glaubens*

### II. IMMEDIATE REACTIONS TO THE EVENT

**15.00**  
François Paschoud (Université de Genève):*Il significato della presa di Roma del 410 nel dibattito provvidenzialistico fra pagani e cristiani*

**15.45**  
Petra Schierl (Universität Basel/University of St Andrews):*Quod sine fine placet : Rutilius Namatianus’ Bericht über die Ewige Stadt*

**16.30** Coffee break

**17.00**  
Chiara Ombretta Tommasi (Università di Pisa):*“Imperium sine fine”: an impossible accomplishment after 410?*

**17.45**  
Etienne Wolff (Université Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense):*La prise de Rome de 410, une étape dans la christianisation de la Ville*

**18.30**  
Marco Formisano (Humboldt Universität zu Berlin):*La littérature et le mal: le inversioni della storia in Paolo Orosio*

### 09 October 2010\_Istituto Svizzero di Roma III. LATER INTERPRETATIONS AND RECEPTIONS

**09.00**  
Umberto Roberto (Università Europea di Roma): *Alarico e il sacco di Roma nelle fonti dell'Oriente romano*

**09.45**  
Cristina Ricci (Universität Basel):*L’eco letteraria del declino di Roma nel commento a Ezechiele di Girolamo e di Gregorio Magno*

**10.30** - Coffee break

**11.00**  
Seraina Plotke (Universität Basel):*Rom-Bilder in lateinischen und volkssprachlichen Dichtungen des 11. und 12. Jahrhunderts*

**11.45** - *Final Discussion*

### 04-06 11\_GERMAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE II. 410 - THE SACK OF ROME: THE EVENT, ITS CONTEXT AND ITS IMPACT

Organizers: German Archaeological Institute Rome  
Philipp von Rummel (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Rom), Carlos Machado (Universidade Federal de São Paulo), Johannes Lipps (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)

### 04 November 2010\_Museo Nazionale Palazzo Massimo

**09.00** - *Welcome address*  
Rita Paris (Museo Nazionale Romano Palazzo Massimo)  
Henner von Hesberg (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Rom)

**09.15** - *Introduction*  
Philipp von Rummel (Deutsches Archäologisches Institut Rom):  
*Die Eroberung 410 als archäologisches Problem*  
Christoph Riedweg (Istituto Svizzero di Roma):*Die Tagung “Der Fall*

*Roms 410 und die Wiederauferstehung der ewigen Stadt” am Istituto Svizzero*

### I. CONTEXT

**10.00** - *Roman contexts*  
Arnaldo Marcone (Università degli Studi di Roma Tre):*Roma caput mundi. Il significato simbolico della città inconquistata*  
Carlos Machado (Universidade Federal de São Paulo):*The Roman Aristocracy before and after the sack*  
Mark Humphries (Swansea University):*Alarich and Honorius: the sieges of Rome and the challenge to imperial authority in the West*

**11.20** - Coffee break

**11.50** - *A Gothic threat?*  
Guy Halsall (University of York):*Goths and Romans*  
Michael Kulikowski (Penn State University):*The failure of Roman arms*  
Claire Sotinel (Université Paris Est):*Quelles fortifications pour défendre la ville? De l’inefficacité des murailles de Rome devant la menace militaire*

### II. EVENT

**14.50** - *The sack and its sources*  
Ralph Mathisen (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign):  
*‘Roma a Gothis Alarico duce capta est’: The Sack of Rome in 410 CE*  
Mischa Meier (Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen):  
*Alarich und die Eroberung Roms - Anmerkungen zu Orosius*  
Andrea Augenti (Università di Bologna):  
*L’archeologia degli insediamenti, stacco fra le fonti*

**16.10** - Coffee break

**16.40** - *The Monumental centre and beyond*  
Johannes Lipps (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München):  
*Forum Romanum*  
Roberto Meneghini, Antonella Corsaro (Sovrintendenza Comune di Roma), Alessandro Delfino (Sapienza Università di Roma), Ilaria De Luca (Roma):*Nuovi dati archeologici per la storia del Foro di Cesare tra la fine del IV e il V secolo*  
Fedora Filippi (Soprintendenza Speciale per i Beni Archeologici di Roma):*Nuovi dati da Campo Marzio e da Trastevere*

### 05 November 2010\_Museo Nazionale Palazzo Massimo

**09.00** - *The Neighbourhoods*  
Carlo Pavolini (Università degli studi della Tuscia):*Le conseguenze della crisi urbana sulla sommità del Celio*  
Alessandra Capodiferro (Soprintendenza Speciale per i Beni Archeologici di Roma): *Aventino*  
Simon Malmberg (Svenska Institutet i Rom):*The Esquiline: A New Monumental Centre*

**10.20** - Coffee break

**10.50** - *Churches and religious buildings*  
Franz Alto Bauer (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München):*Attività*

*edilizia e donazioni intorno all’anno 410: Continuità o discontinuità?*  
**Giorgio Filippi** (Musei Vaticani):*Il contributo delle iscrizioni con date consolari della Basilica di San Paolo fuori le Mura*  
**Paolo Liverani** (Università degli Studi di Firenze): *Alarico in Laterano e sull’Esquilino: due casi e qualche riflessione*

**13.50** - *Archaeology and the structures of daily life (I)*  
François Baratte (Université Paris IV-Sorbonne): *Le trésor de l’Esquilin: un témoin du sac de 410 ?*  
**Roberto Meneghini** (Sovrintendenza Comune di Roma): *Le vicende del 408-410 e la comparsa delle sepolture urbane a Roma*  
**Riccardo Santangeli Valenzani** (Università degli Studi di Roma Tre):  
*Dall’evento al dato archeologico: il sacco del 410 attraverso la documentazione archeologica*

**15.10** - Coffee break

**15.40** - *Archaeology and the structures of daily life (II)*  
Stefania Fogagnolo (Soprintendenza Speciale per i Beni Archeologici di Roma): *Testimonianze del sacco del 410 in un cantiere edilizio a Trastevere (Conservatorio di S. Pasquale Baylon)*  
**Clementina Panella** (Sapienza Università di Roma): *Il sacco alariciano dal punto di vista della cultura materiale*  
**Alessia Rovelli** (Università degli studi della Tuscia):*410, il sacco di Roma e la testimonianza delle monete*

### III. IMPACT

**17.00** - *Aftershocks*  
Michelle R. Salzman (University of California Riverside):*Meaning and Memory: Christians, Sermons and The Sack of Rome in 410*  
**Christine Delaplace** (Université de Toulouse II):*La stratégie des Goths après 410 et leur installation par l’Empire en Aquitaine (416-418), état de la question*  
**Elio Lo Cascio** (Sapienza Università di Roma):*La popolazione di Roma prima e dopo il 410*

### 06 November 2010\_Museo Nazionale Palazzo Massimo

**09.00** - *Rome and Italy after the sack*  
Neil McLynn (University of Oxford):*The Battle for Rome: Jerome, Orosius, and their Goths*  
**Silvia Orlandi** (Sapienza Università di Roma):*Il riflesso del sacco del 410 nella documentazione epigrafica*  
**Bryan Ward-Perkins** (University of Oxford):  
*410 and the fate of civic life in Italy: the statue habit*  
**Axel Gering** (Humboldt-Universität Berlin):*Spurensuche nach Alarich: Einsturz, Spoliation, Aufschüttung und der monumentale Wiederaufbau von Ostias Innenstadt nach 410*

**10.40** - Coffee Break

**11.10** - *The sack of Rome revisited*  
**Peter Heather** (King’s College London):*410 and the End of Civilization*  
**Walter Pohl** (Universität Wien):*410 and the Transformation of the Roman World*

**12.10** - *Final Discussion*