



Geography and Economy
of the Imperial Properties
in the Roman World



Postdoctoral research fellow (Egypt), 36 months

PATRIMONIVM ERC-StG n° 716375 “Geography and Economy of the Imperial Properties in the Roman World (from Augustus to Diocletian)”

Position: Postdoctoral research fellow, responsible for the documentation of Egypt

Institution: Bordeaux Montaigne University, Ausonius Institute, Bordeaux, France

Duration: 36 months (full-time)

Start date: September 2017, but a later start date can be agreed upon

Salary: 2,100€ net/month

Deadline for applications: 16th June 2017

Context

The project PATRIMONIVM, funded by the ERC for the period 2017-2022 and hosted by the Bordeaux Montaigne University, aims at realizing the first global study of the economic, social and political role of the properties of Roman emperors from Augustus to Diocletian. Interest in the topic has re-emerged recently, but many questions about the acquisition and use of the properties remain unanswered, particularly because no systematic survey of all available documentation has been produced since the beginning of the 20th century. The project aims at filling this gap creating the Atlas patrimonii Caesaris, a powerful online relational database of all published sources (literary, epigraphic and papyrological); every record will contain geodata and will be related to separate databases of all known persons (slaves, freedmen, administrators, imperial coloni etc.), regions and bibliographic references. Texts will be encoded in EpiDoc/TEI while other XML standard, such as SNAP for prosopographical data, will be implemented in order to achieve a high degree of interoperability. A multidisciplinary and comparative study, developed through the project’s rich scientific activity (workshops, conferences), will allow to understand the role of the properties as a structuring factor of Roman economy and as a vector of human mobility, economic integration and socio-cultural transformation.

The Ausonius Institute is a vibrant and international research centre that participates to “LaScArBx”, the cluster of excellence federating all researchers in classics, ancient history and archaeology working in Bordeaux (University of Bordeaux, Bordeaux Montaigne University, CNRS). LaScArBx has recently been ranked as the top institution in France (16th worldwide) in this research field by [QS World University Ranking by subject](#).

Role description

You will work closely with the Principal Investigator, Dr Dalla Rosa, and will be responsible of collecting, translating and contextualizing the sources concerning the Roman imperial properties for Egypt. Given the nature of the extant documentation, you will principally work on papyrological material. You will be assisted by a student intern in order to speed up the process of entering the sources in the Atlas patrimonii Caesaris (APC)s; however, you will be the sole responsible for the historical contextualization of the sources in relation to the private and/or public landownership and to the main economic activities of the region in order to assess the origin and the economic value of the properties. You will also contribute to studying the economic role of imperial slaves and freedmen in the region. You are expected to actively take part to the scientific activities of the project (workshops, conferences) and meet regularly with the PI and the rest of

the team. Besides the work on the sources, you are invited to author the chapter about Egypt in the final volume about the history of the imperial properties in the Roman world.

You will be able to acquire or greatly improve your expertise in TEI, SNAP and the other XML standards implemented in the APC thanks to particular training courses. You will dispose of a personal budget in order to participate to scientific events at international level (alone or with other team members) and to carry on research on the field. The Principal Investigator will ensure your full integration within the Ausonius Institute's team of researchers and engineers and will be available for providing orientation for the further development of your professional career.

There is no obligation of residence in Bordeaux as long as you can attend to the required meetings and conduct your work on schedule. English will be the working language of the research team.

Tasks

- Collecting all the sources relevant to the study of the imperial properties in Egypt following the project's guidelines
- Translating the sources into English (if no translation is available)
- Entering the sources in the digital Atlas Patrimonii Caesaris
- Placing the sources in their regional context with regard to what we know about the patterns of local landownership and economic activities
- Attending to the periodic meetings of the research team and regularly report on work advancement
- Attending and contributing to the scientific activities and the publications of the project
- Contributing to the outreach of PATRIMONIVM at international level

You'll Need to Have

- A PhD in classics or ancient history (Roman world)
- Experience in working with papyrological sources
- A sufficient track record to prove your scientific maturity and independence

We'd Love to See

- Research interests in one of these broad areas: Roman economy, Roman provincial society (local/ senatorial elites, slaves, freedmen), Roman institutions
- Scientific maturity and work autonomy
- Interest for the digital humanities
- Willingness to work on a highly international and interdisciplinary ERC project and in a coordinated research team

Languages

A good knowledge of English (written and spoken) is required.

Applications

Informal enquiries and applications (CV + Motivation letter) per e-mail to Dr. Alberto Dalla Rosa (alberto.dallarosa@u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr)

Additional references

Bordeaux Montaigne University (<http://www.u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr/fr/index.html>)

Ausonius Institute (<http://ausonius.u-bordeaux-montaigne.fr>)

LaScArBx cluster of excellence (<http://lascarbx.labex.u-bordeaux.fr>)