



Tarquinia from the Etruscans to the Romans and Beyond: Past, Present, and Future

Programme Event

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Overview

The proposal aims to present ongoing research and recent archaeological discoveries resulting from investigations at the Civita of Tarquinia, the site of ancient Tarquinia. The presentation will concisely and rigorously outline the trajectory of the city, from its legendary origins to its transformation into one of the most significant centers of the Etruscan civilization, as evidenced by excavations conducted by the University of Milan. Particular emphasis will be placed on its subsequent development and its connection with Rome. Rome can, in part, be considered a descendant of Tarquinia, which it later conquered, transforming it into a major and influential city oriented both towards the hinterland and the Mediterranean, as demonstrated by its fluvial and maritime port.

Excavations initially led by P. Romanelli and later by the Universities of Verona, Macerata, and Castellón de la Plana are now bringing to light the Roman-era city—previously virtually unknown—along with its fascinating history up to the early Middle Ages. At this point, Tarquinia entered a phase of decline, leading to its re-foundation on the opposite hill from the ancient Etruscan and Roman settlement under the name of Corneto (which has since regained the name Tarquinia), an important medieval and Renaissance center.

The panel will provide an overview of the city's Etruscan and, above all, Roman past, the ongoing studies, and the many new findings emerging from them, as well as the future prospects for historical and archaeological research and territorial development. In 2004, the Etruscan necropolis of Tarquinia (together with that of Cerveteri) was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Participants

Convenor

- Marc Mayer i Olivé (Institut d'Estudis Catalans / Universitat de Barcelona)

Panelists

- Marc Mayer i Olivé (Institut d'Estudis Catalans / Universitat de Barcelona)
- Giovanna Bagnasco (Università di Milano)
- Audrey Bertrand (École Française de Rome/École Française de Rome)
- Fiammetta Soriano (Università di Macerata)
- Giulia Baratta (Università di Macerata)
- Attilio Mastrocinque (Università di Verona)
- Josep Benedito Nuez (Universitat Jaume I Castellón de la Plana)

Papers

Introduction

Marc Mayer i Olivé (Institut d'Estudis Catalans / Universitat de Barcelona)

Etruscan Tarquinia

Giovanna Bagnasco (Università di Milano)

Tarquinia during the Roman Republic

Audrey Bertrand (École Française de RomeÉcole Française de Rome)

The Urbanism of Roman Tarquinia

Fiammetta Soriano (Università di Macerata)

Roman Tarquinia Through Past and Recent Excavations: The Finds

Giulia Baratta (Università di Macerata)

Society in Roman Tarquinia

Marc Mayer i Olivé (Institut d'Estudis Catalans / Universitat de Barcelona)

Roman Tarquinia: the Religion

Attilio Mastrocinque (Università di Verona)

Tarquinia Archaeological Team: planning the future of the Civita di Tarquinia as the backbone of a unique scientific and social project

Josep Benedito Nuez (Universitat Jaume I Castellón de la Plana)

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