

AAH-MOMMSEN SOCIETY LECTURE

Populism in Rome?

Prof. Dr. Christoph Lundgreen (TU Dresden)

Via a careful examination of Cicero's speeches, letters, and philosophical works after his return from exile, Lundgreen seeks to show how the Arpinate introduces both the intensity of preferences and the supposed will of the (true) people as new elements in the political discourse of his time, thereby, consciously or not, delegitimizing the Roman assemblies and procedures – and thus being a very different populist in the modern sense than the normally (and wrongly) evoked examples of Athenian Demagogues or Roman populares.

***Eikônographeia*: Biometrics and Documentary Identity in Ptolemaic and Roman Egypt**

Dr. Ella Karev (University of Chicago)

Karev intends to centre the discussion around a single question: when does a community begin to need—and employ—a system of verifiable documentary identification? Karev argues that systems of identity verification such as the biometrics evidenced here are an expression of the decreased value of social credit in the wake of community fluctuation.

Friday, October 20th at 6 p.m.

The lectures take place via Zoom.

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