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Jean-Léon Gérôme, The Death of Caesar, 1869-1867

## International Conference

## *In ambitione artifices.*

### Canvassing and Elections in the Roman Republic: Re-Assessments and New Perspectives

4th-6th July 2024

Aula Magna, Palazzo Luzzatto Dina

Via del Vescovado, 30

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# Program

## THURSDAY 4TH JULY

14.00 Meeting at the Department of Historical and Geographic Sciences and the Ancient World – via del Vescovado, 30

### Chair: Eleonora Zampieri

14.30 Andrea Caracausi, Luca Fezzi, *Institutional Greetings*

14.50 Alexander Yakobson, *Limited choice, fierce competition, unequal suffrage, elite dependence on inferiors – Roman elections and their complexities*

15.30 Clément Chillet, *Who votes in Roman elections? From procedure to the political interpretation of electoral participation*

16.10 **Break**

16.30 Karl-Joachim Hölkeskamp, *Roman history and modern sociology. Georg Simmel, Pierre Bourdieu and the Republican competitive election system*

12.00 Francisco Pina Polo, Cristina Rosillo López, *Ius libertatis inminutum: the political life of the sons of the proscribed by Sulla*

12.40 **break**

### Chair: Giulia Vettori

15.00 Gianpaolo Urso, “Magna est autem comitiis consularibus repentina voluntatum inclinatio”: *the consular elections in the 60s BC*

15.40 Eleonora Zampieri, *New perspectives on post-Sullan elections*

16.20 Luca Fezzi, *Elections in Sallust's Bellum Catilinae*

17.00 **Break**

17.15 Henriette Van der Blom, *Elections and electioneering in Valerius Maximus*

17.55 Tim Elliott, *Between People and electorate - the signs and spaces of election in the construction of the populus Romanus*

## FRIDAY 5TH JULY

### Chair: Elke Stein-Hölkeskamp

9.00 Andrea Angius, *Minor elections: lower-ranking elected offices under the republic*

9.40 François Prost, *How sincere should a candidate be according to the Commentariolum Petitionis?*

10.20 Timothy Smith, *In search of electoral promises in Roman elections*

11.00 **break**

11.20 Catherine Steel, *Electoral competition after Sulla's dictatorship: continuity and change*

## SATURDAY 6TH JULY

### Chair: Andrea Frizzera

9.00 Giulia Vettori, *Tales of the unexpected. Women and elections in the Roman republic*

9.40 Michele Bellomo, *Elections and the army in mid-Republican Rome*

10.20 Marco Rocco, *Soldiers voting in the late Roman republic: experiments in the formation of a new category of citizens*

11.00 **Coffee break**

11.30 Alexander Yakobson, Eleonora Zampieri, *Concluding remarks and final discussion*