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Global Antiquities explores the creative potential of juxtaposing the cultural foundations of the Mediterranean World ('the West') and China ('the East'). The research group embarks from the observation that ancient Greek, Roman, and Chinese societies were governed by similar features that were also characteristic of other civilized pre-modern societies. In order to provide for a meaningful comparative methodology, we examine three topical clusters that are central to their political culture in a series of workshops: people (2014), places (2017), performances (2020).

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# PLACES AND POLITICAL CULTURE IN ANCIENT GREECE, ROME, AND CHINA

MCGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL  
OCTOBER 25 TO 27, 2017

## PROGRAM



# Global Antiquities

**Wednesday, October 25**

Le Salon, Desmarais Building  
Montreal Museum of Fine Arts

**17:00 Public Keynote Address**

Anthony Barbieri-Low, UC Santa Barbara  
*Imagining the Tomb of the First Emperor of China*

**Thursday, October 26**

Thomson House, Ball Room, McGill University

**9:30-9:45 Opening Remarks**

**Panel 1**

**9:45-10:30** Hans Beck, McGill University  
*Space and Place in Ancient Greece, Rome and China*

**10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**

**11:00-11:45** Amy Russell, Durham University  
*Concepts of Space across Time and Place: Rome and China Between  
Early Theories of Space and Modern Research*

**11:45-12:30** Luke Habberstad, University of Oregon  
*Local Administration and the Rise of Geography in the Roman and  
Han Empires*

**12:30-14:00 Lunch Break**

**14:00-14:45** Ryan Abrecht, UC San Diego  
*Neighborhood Life in Imperial Rome and Han Chang'an*

**14:45-15:30** Wentian Fu, McGill University  
*Imperial Gardens of Roman and Qin-Han Empires: A Comparative  
Study*

**15:30-15:45 Coffee Break**

**15:45-16:30** Griet Vankeerberghen, McGill University  
*Access and Political Culture in Rome and Western Han Chang*

**Friday, October 27**

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**Panel 3**

**9:15-10:00** Martin Mohr, Universität Zürich  
*Society, Territoriality and the Significance of (Sacred) Roads in  
Archaic Greece and in Early Imperial China*

**10:00-10:45** Wen-Yi Huang, McGill University  
*The Landscape of Empire: Roads in Early China and  
Ancient Rome*

**10:45-11:15 Coffee Break**

**11:15-12:00** Darian Totten, McGill University  
*Landscapes of Production, Production of Meaning: Salt and  
Local Places in Imperial Rome and China*

**12:00-13:30 Lunch Break**

**Panel 4**

**13:30-14:15** Alex McAuley, Cardiff University  
*Imitating the Emperor? The Cities of Client Kings in the  
Hellenistic East and the Western Regions of the Han Realm*

**14:15-15:00** Charles Sanft, University of Tennessee  
*Traces of Frontiers: Han and Roman Hinterlands*

**15:00-15:15 Coffee Break**

**15:15-16:00** Poo Mu-chou, The Chinese University of Hong Kong  
*The Netherworld as a Place of Hope and Reconciliation*

**16:00 Concluding remarks**

Carlos Noreña, UC Berkeley and Robin Yates, McGill