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In the first two centuries AD, the eastern Roman provinces experienced a proliferation of elite public generosity unmatched in their previous or later history. In this study, Arjan Zuiderhoek attempts to answer the question why this should have been so. Focusing on Roman Asia Minor, he argues that the surge in elite public giving was not caused by the weak economic and financial position of the provincial cities, as has often been maintained, but by social and political developments and tensions within the Greek cities created by their integration into the Roman imperial system. As disparities of wealth and power within imperial polis society continued to widen, the exchange of gifts for honours between elite and non-elite citizens proved an excellent political mechanism for deflecting social tensions away from open conflicts towards communal celebrations of shared citizenship and the legitimation of power in the cities.

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<i>AM</i>	<i>Mitteilungen des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts. Athenische Abteilung</i>
Aphrodisias & Rome	J. M. Reynolds, <i>Aphrodisias and Rome: documents from the excavation of the theatre at Aphrodisias</i> (JRS Monographs 1; London: Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies, 1982)
<i>BCH</i>	<i>Bulletin de Correspondance Hellénique</i>
<i>BE</i>	<i>Bulletin Épigraphique</i> (in: <i>Revue des Études Grecques</i> )
<i>CIG</i>	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Graecarum</i>
<i>CIL</i>	<i>Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum</i>
de Hoz	M. P. de Hoz, <i>Die lydischen Kulte im Lichte der griechischen Inschriften</i> (Bonn: Habelt, 1999)
<i>FE</i>	<i>Forschungen in Ephesos</i>
<i>I.Arykanda</i> (IK 48)	S. Şahin, <i>Die Inschriften von Arykanda</i> (IK 48; Bonn: Habelt, 1994)
<i>I.Assos</i> (IK 4)	R. Merkelbach, <i>Die Inschriften von Assos</i> (IK 4; Bonn: Habelt, 1976)
<i>IBM</i>	<i>Greek inscriptions in the British Museum</i>
<i>I.Ephesos</i> (IK 11–17)	H. Wankel, R. Merkelbach <i>et al.</i> , <i>Die Inschriften von Ephesos</i> (IK 11–17; Bonn: Habelt, 1979–81)
<i>IG</i>	<i>Inscriptiones Graecae</i>
<i>IGR</i>	R. Cagnat, <i>Inscriptiones Graecae ad res Romanas pertinentes</i> (Paris: Leroux, 1911–27)

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- I.Histria* D. M. Pippidi, *Inscriptiones Scythiae Minoris Graecae et Latinae 1: Inscriptiones Histriae et vicinia* (Bucharest: Romanian Academy, 1983)
- IK* *Inschriften griechischer Städte aus Kleinasien*
- I.Kibyra (IK 60)* Th. Corsten, *Die Inschriften von Kibyra (IK 60)*; Bonn: Habelt, 2002)
- I.Kyme (IK 5)* H. Engelmann, *Die Inschriften von Kyme (IK 5)*; Bonn: Habelt, 1976)
- I.Perge (IK 54)* S. Şahin, *Die Inschriften von Perge (IK 54)*; Bonn: Habelt, 1999)
- I.Priene* F. Hiller von Gaertringen, *Die Inschriften von Priene* (Berlin: Georg Reimer, 1906)
- I.Selge (IK 37)* J. Nollé and F. Schindler, *Die Inschriften von Selge (IK 37)*; Bonn: Habelt, 1991)
- I.Side (IK 44)* J. Nollé, *Side im Altertum II (IK 44)*; Bonn: Habelt, 2001)
- I.Stratonikeia (IK 21–2)* M. Ç. Sahin, *Die Inschriften von Stratonikeia (IK 21–2)*; Bonn: Habelt, 1981–90)
- I.Tralleis (IK 36.1)* Fj. B. Poljakov, *Die Inschriften von Tralleis und Nysa 1: Die Inschriften von Tralleis (IK 36.1)*; Bonn: Habelt, 1989)
- Jahresh. (JÖAI)* *Jahreshefte des Österreichischen Archäologischen Instituts*
- Judeich C. Humann, C. Cichorius, W. Judeich and F. Winter, *Altertümer von Hierapolis* (Berlin: Georg Reimer, 1898)
- KP J. Keil and A. von Premerstein, *Bericht über eine (zweite, dritte) Reise in Lydien*, in: *Denkschriften der Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften in Wien (Phil. Hist. Klasse)* LIII.2, 1908 (I); LIV.2, 1911 (II); LVII.1, 1914 (III)
- Lanck. K. Lanckoronski, G. Niemann and E. Petersen, *Städte Pamphyliens und Pisidiens* (Vienna, 1890–2)
- Laum II B. Laum, *Stiftungen in der griechischen und römischen Antike. Ein Beitrag zur antiken Kulturgeschichte, zweiter Band: Urkunden* (Berlin: Teubner, 1914)

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Ph. Le Bas and W. H. Waddington, *Voyage archéologique en Grèce et en Asie Mineure* (Paris: Didot, 1870)Malay, *Researches*H. Malay, *Researches in Lydia, Mysia and Aiolis* (Ergänzungsbande zu den *Tituli Asiae Minoris* nr. 23; Vienna: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 1999)

MAMA

*Monumenta Asiae Minoris Antiqua**Mus. Iznik (Nikaia)*  
(IK 9)S. Şahin, *Katalog der antiken Inschriften des Museums von Iznik (Nikaia)* (IK 9; Bonn: Habelt, 1979)

OGIS

W. Dittenberger, *Orientalis Graeci Inscriptiones Selectae* (Leipzig: Hirzel, 1903–5)

PAS

*Papers of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens**P. Oxy.**The Oxyrhynchus Papyri*

RE

A. Pauly and G. Wissowa (eds.) *Pauly's Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Altertumswissenschaft* (Stuttgart: Metzler, 1894–1972)

RECAM III

S. Mitchell (with ass. of D. French and J. Greenhalgh), *Regional Epigraphic Catalogues of Asia Minor III*; N. P. Milner, *An epigraphical survey of the Kibyra-Olbasa region conducted by A. S. Hall* (British Institute of Archaeology at Ankara Monograph 24; Oxford: Oxbow, 1998)

REG

*Revue des Études Grecques*Robert, *Ét. An.*L. Robert, *Études Anatoliennes. Recherches sur les inscriptions grecques de l'Asie Mineure* (Paris: De Boccard, 1937)*R. Ph.**Revue de Philologie*

SEG

*Supplementum Epigraphicum Graecum**Syll.*<sup>3</sup>W. Dittenberger, *Sylloge inscriptionum Graecarum* (3rd edn; Leipzig: Hirzel, 1924)

TAM

*Tituli Asiae Minoris*

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<i>AE</i>	<i>L'Année Épigraphique</i>
Heberdey (1923)	R. Heberdey, 'Gymnische und andere Agone in Termessus Pisidiae' in: W. H. Buckler and W. M. Calder (eds.) <i>Anatolian studies presented to Sir William Mitchell Ramsay</i> (Manchester University Press, 1923), 195–206
<i>I. Adramytteion</i> (IK 51)	J. Stauber, <i>Die Bucht von Adramytteion II. Inschriften, literarische Testimonia, Münzen</i> (IK 51; Bonn: Habelt, 1996)
<i>I. Anazerbos</i> (IK 56)	M. H. Sayar, <i>Die Inschriften von Anazerbos</i> (IK 56; Bonn: Habelt, 2000)
<i>I. Erythrae u. Klazomenai</i> (IK 1–2)	H. Engelman and R. Merkelbach, <i>Die Inschriften von Erythrae und Klazomenai</i> (IK 1–2; Bonn: Habelt, 1972–3)
<i>I. Hadrianoi u. Hadrianeia</i> (IK 33)	E. Schwertheim, <i>Die Inschriften von Hadrianoi und Hadrianeia</i> (IK 33; Bonn: Habelt, 1987)
<i>I. Iasos</i> (IK 28)	W. Blümel, <i>Die Inschriften von Iasos</i> (IK 28; Bonn: Habelt, 1985)
<i>I. Ilion</i> (IK 3)	P. Frisch, <i>Die Inschriften von Ilion</i> (IK 3; Bonn: Habelt, 1975)
<i>I. Keramos</i> (IK 30)	E. Varinlioglu, <i>Die Inschriften von Keramos</i> (IK 30; Bonn: Habelt, 1986)
<i>I. Kios</i> (IK 29)	Th. Corsten, <i>Die Inschriften von Kios</i> (IK 29; Bonn: Habelt, 1985)
<i>I. Lampsakos</i> (IK 6)	P. Frisch, <i>Die Inschriften von Lampsakos</i> (IK 6; Bonn: Habelt, 1978)
<i>I. Laod. Lyk.</i> (IK 49)	Th. Corsten, <i>Die Inschriften von Laodikeia am Lykos</i> (IK 49; Bonn: Habelt, 1997)
<i>I. Magnesia</i>	O. Kern, <i>Die Inschriften von Magnesia am Maeander</i> (Berlin: Spemann, 1900)
<i>I. Magnesia am Sipylos</i> (IK 8)	T. Ihnken, <i>Die Inschriften von Magnesia am Sipylos</i> (IK 8; Bonn: Habelt, 1978)
<i>I. Mylasa</i> (IK 34–5)	W. Blümel, <i>Die Inschriften von Mylasa</i> (IK 34–5; Bonn: Habelt, 1987–8)
<i>I. Parion</i> (IK 25)	P. Frisch, <i>Die Inschriften von Parion</i> (IK 25; Bonn: Habelt, 1983)
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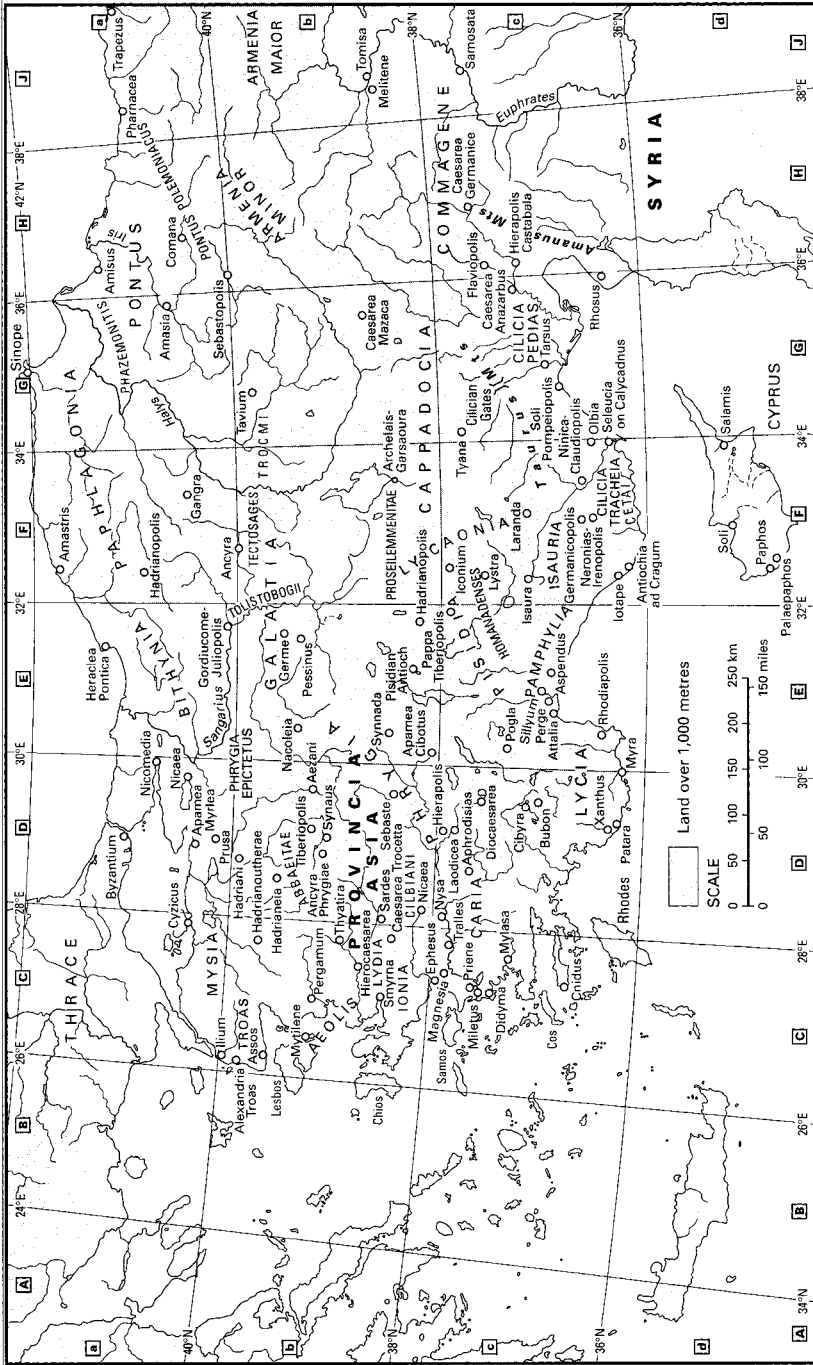
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