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The Roman Principate was defined by its embrace of a central paradox – the ruling order strenuously advertised continuity with the past, even as the emperor’s monarchical power represented a fundamental breach with the traditions of the “free” Republic it had replaced. Drawing on the evidence of coins, public monuments, and literary texts ranging from Tacitus and Pliny the Younger to Frontinus and Silius Italicus, this study traces a series of six crucial moments in which the memory of the Republic intruded upon Roman public discourse in the period from the fall of Nero to the height of Trajan’s power. During these years, remembering the Republic was anything but a remote and antiquarian undertaking. It was instead a vital cultural process, through which emperors and their subjects attempted to navigate many of the fault lines that ran through Roman Imperial culture.

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- ANRW H. Temporini and W. Haase (eds.) (1972–) *Aufstieg und Niedergang der römischen Welt: Geschichte und Kultur Roms im Spiegel der neueren Forschung*. Berlin.
- BMCRE H. Mattingly and R. A. G. Carson (1923–1962) *Coins of the Roman Empire in the British Museum*, 6 vols. London.
- CAH X² A. K. Bowman, E. Champlin, and A. Lintott (eds.) (1996) *Cambridge Ancient History. Vol. X. The Augustan Empire 43 B.C.–A.D. 69*. 2nd ed. Cambridge.
- CAH XI² A. K. Bowman, P. Garnsey, and D. Rathbone (eds.) (2000) *Cambridge Ancient History. Volume XI. The High Empire, A.D. 70–192*. 2nd ed. Cambridge.
- CIL (1863–) *Corpus inscriptionum Latinarum*. Berlin.
- FOS M.-T. Raepsaet-Charlier (1987) *Prosopographie des femmes de l'ordre sénatorial: Ier–IIe siècles*, 2 vols. Lovanni.
- FS J. Rüpke (2005) *Fasti Sacerdotum: Die Mitglieder der Priesterschaften und das sakrale Funktionspersonal römischer, griechischer, orientalischer und jüdisch-christlicher Kulte in der Stadt Rom von 300 v. Chr. bis 499 n. Chr.*, 3 vols. Stuttgart.
- ILLRP A. Degraffi (ed.) (1965) *Inscriptiones Latinae liberae rei publicae*. Vol. I. 2nd ed. Florence; *Imagines*. Berlin.

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- Inscr. It.* A. Degraasi (ed.) (1931–) *Inscriptiones Italiae*. Rome.
- LIMC* Ackermann, H. C., and Gisler, J.-R. (eds.) (1981–1997) *Lexicon iconographicum mythologiae classicae*. Zurich.
- LTUR* E. M. Steinby (ed.) (1993–2000) *Lexicon topographicum urbis Romae*, 6 vols. Rome.
- MRR* T. R. S. Broughton (1951–1985) *The Magistrates of the Roman Republic*, 3 vols. New York.
- MW* M. McCrum and A. G. Woodhead (eds.) (1961) *Select Documents of the Principates of the Flavian Emperors, Including the Years of Revolution, AD 68–96*. Cambridge.
- PIR* E. Klebs and H. Dessau (eds.) (1897–8) *Prosopographia imperii Romani saeculi I. II. III.* Berlin.
- PIR²* E. Groag et al. (eds.) (1933–) *Prosopographia imperii Romani saeculi I. II. III.* 2nd ed. Berlin.
- RAC* T. Klauser et al. (eds.) (1950–) *Reallexikon für Antike und Christentum*. Stuttgart.
- RDGE* R. K. Sherck (1969) *Roman Documents from the Greek East*. Baltimore.
- RE* A. Pauly et al. (eds.) (1893–) *Real-Encyclopädie der classischen Alterumswissenschaft*. Stuttgart.
- RIC* H. Mattingly et al. (1923–51) *The Roman Imperial Coinage*, 9 vols. London.
- RIC I²* C. H. V. Sutherland and R. A. G. Carson (1984) *The Roman Imperial Coinage*. Vol. I. Revised ed. London.
- RIC II²* I. A. Carradice and T. V. Buttrey (2007) *The Roman Imperial Coinage*. Vol. II.1. 2nd rev. ed. London.
- RPC* A. Burnett et al. (eds.) (1992–) *Roman Provincial Coinage*. London and Paris.
- RRC* M. H. Crawford (1974) *Roman Republican Coinage*. 2 vols. London.
- RS* M. H. Crawford (ed.) (1996) *Roman Statutes*. 2 vols. London.
- Sm.* E. M. Smallwood (1966) *Documents Illustrating the Principates of Nerva, Trajan and Hadrian*. Cambridge.