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This book offers a new and surprising perspective on the evolution of cities across the Roman empire in late antiquity and the early Middle Ages (third to ninth centuries AD). It suggests that the tenacious persistence of leading cities across most of the Roman world is due, far more than previously thought, to the persistent inclination of kings, emperors, caliphs, bishops and their leading subordinates to manifest the glory of their offices on an urban stage, before crowds of city dwellers. Long after the dissolution of the Roman empire in the fifth century, these communal leaders continued to maintain and embellish monumental architectural corridors established in late antiquity, the narrow but grandiose urban itineraries, essentially processional ways, in which their parades and solemn public appearances consistently unfolded. Hendrik W. Dey's approach selectively integrates urban topography with the actors who unceasingly strove to animate it for many centuries.

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ABBREVIATIONS

AE L'Année épigraphique

AJP American Journal of Philology

Anejos de AEspA Anejos de Archivo Español de Arqueología

An Tard Antiquité Tardive

ARF Annales regni Francorum inde ab a. 741 usque ad a. 829

(F. Kurtze ed.)

AS Acta Sanctorum

BMCR Bryn Mawr Classical Review

BullCom Bullettino della Commissione Archeologica Comunale

di Roma

CAH The Cambridge Ancient History (2nd ed.)
CARB Corsi di Cultura sull'Arte Ravennate e Bizantina

CC Corpus Christianorum

CCCM Corpus Christianorum. Continuatio Medievalis

CFHB Corpus Fontium Historiae Byzantinae
CIC Corpus Iuris Civilis (Kunkel ed.)

CJ Codex Justinianus

Dig Digestum
Nov. Novellae

CSHB Corpus Scriptorum Historiae Byzantinae

CSEL Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum

CTh Codex Theodosianus (Mommsen and Meyer eds.)

DMP Lactantius, De mortibus persecutorum (Creed ed. and

trans.)

DOP Dumbarton Oaks Papers
EME Early Medieval Europe

FIRA Fontes Iuris Romani Antejustiniani (S. Riccobono

et al. eds.)

GCE Die griechischen christlichen Schriftsteller

ICERV Inscripciones cristianas de la España romana y visigoda

(J. Vives ed., Barcelona, 1942)

I.Eph. Die Inschriften von Ephesos (Wankel et al. eds.)

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JECS Journal of Early Christian Studies
JLA Journal of Late Antiquity
JRA Journal of Roman Archaeology
JRS Journal of Roman Studies

JSAH Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians
MEFRA Mélanges de l'École Française de Rome. Antiquité
MEFRM Mélanges de l'École Française de Rome. Moyen Âge

MGH Monumenta germaniae historica

AA Auctores Antiquissimi

EP Epistulae

SRG Scriptores Rerum Germanicarum

SRL Scriptores Rerum Langobardicarum et Italicarum

SRM Scriptores Rerum Merovingicarum
PG Patrologia Graeca (Migne ed.)
PL Patrologia Latina (Migne ed.)

PLRE Prosopography of the Later Roman Empire (Jones,

Martindale and Morris eds.)

Procopius

Hist. Arc.

BG Bellum Gothicum
BP Bellum Persicum
BV Bellum Vandalicum
de Aed. de Aedificiis

Settimane del CISAM Settimane di studio del Centro Italiano di Studi sull'Alto

Medioevo

Historia Arcana

TCCG La topographie chrétienne des cités de la Gaule, Paris,

1980



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