Afterlives of Augustus, AD 14–2014

The bimillennium of Augustus’ death on 19 August 2014 commemorated not only the end of his life but also the beginning of a two-thousand-year reception history. This volume addresses the range and breadth of that history. Beginning with the emperor’s death and continuing through late antiquity, early Christianity, the middle ages, the Renaissance and early modernity to the present day, chapters address political positioning, religious mythologisation, philosophy, rhetoric, narratives, memory and material embodiment. As they collectively reveal, Augustus has meant radically different things from one time and place to another, and even to some individual commentators as the circumstances around them changed. The weight of established narratives has often also shaped those of subsequent generations, with or without their conscious awareness. The book outlines and analyses the major themes in Augustus’ reception history, clarifying the cultural and historiographical issues at stake and providing a platform for further scholarship.

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AC  L’antiquité classique
BAntFr  Bulletin de la Société nationale des antiquaires de France
BMC  British Museum Department of Coins and Medals, Coins of the Roman Republic/Empire in the British Museum
BZ  Byzantinische Zeitschrift
CIL  Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum
CQ  Classical Quarterly
CW  The Classical World
DOP  Dumbarton Oaks Papers
HThR  Harvard Theological Review
IG  Inscriptiones Graecae
IJCT  International Journal of the Classical Tradition
ILS  Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae
InscrIt  Inscriptiones Italiæ
JANES  Journal of the Ancient Near East Society
JCH  Journal of Contemporary History
JdI  Jahrbuch des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts
JRA  Journal of Roman Archaeology
JRS  Journal of Roman Studies
MAAR  Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome
MGH  Monumenta Germaniae Historica
MH  Museum Helvetica
NC  Numismatic Chronicle
PCPhS  Proceedings of the Cambridge Philological Society
PG  Patrologia Graeca
PL  Patrologiae Cursus Completus, Series Latina
REL  Revue des Études Latines
RömMitt  Mitteilungen des Deutschen Archäologischen Instituts, Römische Abteilung