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## Preface

This volume has its origins in the seminar on Slavery in Late Antiquity held in the Tvärminne zoological station of the University of Helsinki in November 2016. The symposium was the twenty-fourth in the series of *Finnish Symposia of Late Antiquity*, and it was organized by Maijastina Kahlos, Ulla Tervahauta, and Ville Vuolanto. The theme of slavery was chosen as the research on slavery in the late Roman Empire and in the post-Roman kingdoms has been expanding and evolving in recent decades, with many of the self-evident truths cherished in previous studies having been challenged. We aimed to approach late antique slavery from a wide perspective, including social, economic, political, legal, ideological, and religious levels. With these viewpoints in mind, we had three key-note speakers in the symposium: Chris L. de Wet (University of South Africa), Marianne Bjelland Kartzow (University of Oslo), and Marja Vierros (University of Helsinki).

The symposium exceeded our expectations, both intellectually and socially, and we decided to organize this edited volume on late antique slavery, with contributors to the symposium, along with other researchers of slavery in Late Antiquity, in order to enrich the volume even further. In this endeavour, our aim has been to involve and bring together contributors with different backgrounds, both geographically and intellectually. Even if in today's global academic world one's scholarly and national backgrounds are no longer as significant as they used to be, we hope that this variety present in our volume will be visible in a positive way and provoke new research in previously unconsidered directions.

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## A Note on Abbreviations and Sources Used

Texts in standard editions and reference works are used. Works of Latin and Greek literary authors have been abbreviated by the Latin title. The full list of these abbreviations and editions can be found in *Oxford Latin Dictionary* (rev. ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2012, [www.oxford-scholarlyeditions.com/page/abbreviations](http://www.oxford-scholarlyeditions.com/page/abbreviations)) and *Lewis and Short Latin Dictionary* (Oxford: Clarendon Press 1879) (see also <https://perseus.uchicago.edu/LewisShortAbbreviations.html>), for the Latin texts, and in *Liddell-Scott-James Greek Lexicon* (ninth ed., Oxford: Oxford University Press 1940) (see also [http://stephanus.tlg.uci.edu/lj/01-authors\\_and\\_works.html](http://stephanus.tlg.uci.edu/lj/01-authors_and_works.html)) and *Diccionario Grieco-Español* (Madrid: CSCI 2019) (<http://dge.cchs.csic.es/lst/2lst-int.htm>), for the Greek texts. For papyri, see the Checklist of Editions of Greek, Latin, Demotic, and Coptic Papyri, Ostraca, and Tablets, founding editors John F. Oates and William H. Willis, online at <https://papyri.info/docs/checklist>. The following list gives the information for some lesser-known publications and editions, especially for the early medieval period and for the Arabic sources, as well as abbreviations for inscriptions, for legal material, and for some other abbreviations that may need further specification.

ACO = *Acta conciliorum oecumenicorum*, E. Schwartz (ed.). Berlin 1959.  
*Acts of Thomas* = A. F. J. Klijn (ed.), *The Acts of Thomas: Introduction, Text, and Commentary*, Supplements to Novum Testamentum 108. Leiden: Brill 2003.  
 AE = *L'Année Épigraphique*. Paris (1888–).

- Allen and Datema 1987 = Pauline Allen and Cornelius Datema (eds.), *Leontii Presbyteri Constantinopolitani Homiliae*. Turnhout: Brepols 1987.
- Amato 2014 = Eugenio Amato (ed.), *Procopius of Gaza, Op. XI. Procope de Gaze, Discours et fragments*. Paris: Les Belles Lettres 2014.
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- Binazzi 1989 = Gianfranco Binazzi, *Inscriptiones christianae Italiae septimo saeculo antiquiores*, VI. Bari: Edipuglia 1989.
- CE = *Codex Euricianus*, in *Leges Visigothorum. Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Leges Nationum Germanicarum* 1, K. Zeumer (ed.). Hannover 1902, 1–32.
- CIL = *Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum*. 1863–.
- C. Th. = *Codex Theodosianus*.
- Cod. Iust. = *Codex Iustinianus*.
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- FV = *Formulae Visigothicae in Miscellanea Wisigothica*, 2nd ed., J. Gil (ed.). Seville: Universidad de Sevilla 1991, 71–112.
- GNO = *Gregorii Nysseni Opera*. Leiden: Brill 1958–2014.
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- Ibn Sa'd, *Ṭabaqāt* = Ibn Sa'd, Muḥammad, *al-Ṭabaqāt al-kabīr*, Eduard Sachau et al. (eds.) Nine volumes. Leiden: Brill 1905–28.
- ICVR = *Inscriptiones Christianae Urbis Romae*. Nova series. Rome 1922–.
- ILCV = E. Diehl, *Inscriptiones Latinae Christianae Veteres*. Berlin 1925–67.
- ILS = H. Dessau, *Inscriptiones Latinae Selectae*, three volumes. Berlin 1892–1916.
- IMS = *Inscriptions de la Mésie Supérieure*. Belgrade 1976–.
- InscrAqu = J. B. Brusin, *Inscriptiones Aquileiae*, three volumes. Udine 1991–3.
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- LCL = *Loeb Classical Library*. Cambridge MA 1912–.
- LGPN = *Lexicon of Greek Personal Names*, [www.lgpn.ox.ac.uk/index.html](http://www.lgpn.ox.ac.uk/index.html).
- LRV = *Lex Romana Visigothorum*, G. F. Haenel (ed.). Berlin 1849.
- LSA = ‘*Last Statues of Antiquity*’ – database, <http://laststatues.classics.ox.ac.uk/>.
- LSJ = *Liddell–Scott–Jones Greek–English Lexicon*.
- LTUR = M. Steinby (ed.), *Lexicon Topographicum Urbis Romae*. Six volumes. Rome 1993–2000.
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