The center of gravity in Roman studies has shifted far from the upper echelons of government and administration in Rome or the Emperor’s court to the provinces and the individual. The multidisciplinary studies presented in this volume reflect the turn in Roman history to the identities of ethnic groups and even single individuals who lived in Rome’s vast multinational empire. The purpose is less to discover another element in the Roman Empire’s “success” in governance than to illuminate the variety of individual experience in its own terms. The chapters here, reflecting a wide spectrum of professional expertise, range across the many cultures, languages, religions and literatures of the Roman Empire, with a special focus on the Jews as a test case for the larger issues.

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L’Année Épigraphique (see Cagnat et al. 1888–)

BCTH  
Bulletin archéologique du Comité des Travaux historiques et scientifiques (see Cagnat et al. 1892)

BMC  
British Museum Catalogue (see Hill)

BMCRE  
British Museum Catalogue of Coins of the Roman Empire (see Poole et al.)

BRGK  
Bericht der römisch-germanischen Kommission des deutschen archäologischen Instituts (see Deutsches Archäologisches Institut)

CCL  
see CCSL

CCSL  
Corpus Christianorum, series Latina (see Dekkers et al.)

CIIP  
Corpus Inscriptionum Iudaeae/Palaestinae (see Ameling et al.)

CIL  
Corpus Inscriptionum Latinarum (see Mommsen et al.)

CJ  
Classical Journal

CPG  
Corpus Paroemiographorum Graecorum (see Leutsch and Scheidewin)

CPJ  
Corpus Papyrorum Judaicarum I–III (see Tcherikover et al.)

CSEL  
Corpus Scriptorum Ecclesiasticorum Latinorum (see Vahlen et al.)

FHG  
Fragmenta Historica Graecorum (see Müller et al.)

GV  
Griechische Vers-Inschriften 1: Grab-Epigramme (see Peek)

IAM  
Inscriptions antiques du Maroc (see Galand et al.)

IG  
Inscriptions Graecae (see Deutsche Akademie der Wissenschaften zu Berlin)

IGBulg  
Inscriptions Graecae in Bulgaria repertae (see Mihailov)

IGLS  
Inscriptions grecques et latines de la Syrie (see Jalabert et al.)

IGR  
Inscriptions Graecae ad res Romanas pertinentes (see Cagnat et al. 1906–)

IJO  
Inscriptions Judaicae Orientis (see Noy et al.)

ILAlg  
Inscriptions latines de l’Algérie (see Gsell et al.)

ILB  
Les inscriptions latines de Belgique (see Deman et al.)

ILS  
Inscriptions Latinae Selectae (see Dessau)

ILTun  
Inscriptions latines de la Tunisie (see Merlin)

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List of Abbreviations

IvO  Die Inschriften von Olympia (see Dittenberg and Purgold)
LSAM  Lois sacrées de l'Asie Mineure (see Sokolowski)
MAMA  Monumenta Asiae Minoris Antiquae (see Calder et al.)
P. Lond  Greek Papyri in the British Museum (see Kenyon and Bell)
PIR  Prosopographia Imperii Romani Saeculi I, II, III (see Klebs et al.)
PLRE  Prosopography of the Later Roman Empire (Jones et al.)
RGZM  Jahrbuch des Römisch-Germanisches Zentralmuseum
RIB  The Roman Inscriptions of Britain (see Collingwood et al.)
RIL  Recueil des inscriptions Libyques (see Chabot)
RMD  Roman Military Diplomas (see Roxan and Holder)
RPC  Roman Provincial Coinage (see Burnett et al.)
SEG  Supplementum epigraphicum Graecum (see Chaniotis et al.)
SNG München  Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum München
SNG von Aulock  Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum von Aulock
TAD  Textbook of Aramaic documents from Ancient Egypt (see Porten and Yardeni)
TAM  Tituli Asiae Minoris (see Kalinka et al.)
TAPA  Transactions of the American Philological Association