

In the crucible of Empire

Resistance, revolt and revolution in the Greco-Roman World

30-31 October 2014

Yale Conference Center, 800 West Campus

THURSDAY 30 October 3:00-6:00 PM

*Revolt and suppression in the ancient
Near East (Assyria and Babylonia)*

Karen Radner (London)

"Revolting subjects: Assyrian responses to resistance"

Peter Bedford (Union College)

"Resisting imperial rule: some strategies of subjugated peoples"

Respondent Eckart Frahm (Yale)

Keynote Address: Erich Gruen (Berkeley) 5:00 PM

Dinner

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FRIDAY 31 October 9:00-6:00 PM

*Revolt in the Persian Empire: New Perspectives*

9:00 – 10:00 AM

**Matt Waters (Wisconsin-Eau Claire)**

"Liars, Thieves, Oathbreakers, and Empire: Rebellion in Achaemenid Persia through Xerxes"

**John Lee (UCSB)**

"The Revolt of Cyrus the Younger-- A Reassessment."

**Respondent: Elspeth Dusineberre (Colorado)**

10:00- 10:30 AM Coffee

*Revisiting the revolts under the Ptolemies*

10:30-11:30 Noon

**Brian McGing (TCD)**

"Revolting subjects: empire and insurrection, ancient and modern"

**Respondent: Joe Manning (Yale)**

11:30-1:00 PM LUNCH

*Seleucid Revolts, including the Maccabees*

1:00-2:00 PM

**Robert Doran (Amherst)**

"The Maccabean Revolt."

**Respondents: Anthea Portier-Young (Duke Divinity) and  
Paul Kosmin (Harvard)**

*The Jewish revolt against Rome*

2:00-3:30 PM

**Martin Goodman (Oxford)**

'The Jewish revolts: paradigms or exceptions in the history of provincial resistance to Roman rule?'

**Tessa Rajak (Oxford)**

"Josephus, Jewish Resistance and the 'Masada Myth'"

**Respondents: Seth Schwartz (Columbia) and  
Jamie McLaren (Australian Catholic University)**

3:30-4:00 PM COFFEE BREAK

*Revolts and Resistance under Rome*

4:00-6:00 PM

**Emma Dench (Harvard)**

'Agreeing to differ: consensus and loyalty in the Roman empire'

**Respondent: Andrew Johnson (Yale)**

**Summary and Concluding Remarks John Collins and Joe Manning**