

**Centre for Institutional Performance
University of Reading**

The Centre for Institutional Performance and the Research Centre for Late Antique and Byzantine Studies at the University of Reading are pleased to announce a one-day joint archaeological research seminar on:

The dynamics of ancient mega-cities: growth and decline in the exceptionally large urban centres of the Roman and Late Antique Mediterranean

12th May 2010

Van Emden lecture theatre (HUMSS), Whiteknights campus, University of Reading

Admission free

If you would like to attend, please book a place by emailing Ken Dark at:

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Provisional programme

10.00-10.30 Introduction: 'Theories of the ancient mega-city', Ken Dark (University of Reading)

10.30-11.00 'The impact of the largest metropolis in antiquity on investment choices: Rome, the provinces and the suburbium', Annalisa Marzano (University of Reading)

11.00-11.30 tea

11.30-12.00 'Rome', Amanda Claridge (University of London)

12.00-12.30 'Constantinople', Ken Dark (University of Reading)

12.30-1.00 Discussion

1.00-2.00 lunch

2.00-2.30 'Antioch', Bella Sandwell (University of Bristol)

2.30-3.00 'Alexandria', Niall Finneran (University of Winchester)

3.00-3.30 'Carthage', Margherita Carucci (Institute of Advanced Studies, Helsinki)

3.30-4.00 Discussion and end