

Programme

The Valentinianic Dynasty (AD 364-392): An Age of Restoration and Renewal

3rd-5th June 2026, Australian National University, Canberra

Day 1 (3rd June)

17.30 Welcome reception in the Classics Museum (A. D. Hope Building)
(Informal dinner to follow at own expense)

Day 2 (4th June) – Lectorial 2 (Room 1.23) RSSS Building

Chair: Meaghan McEvoy

Session 1: Dynasty and Rulership I

10.00-10.15: Welcome and Introduction from Prof. Maria Nugent (Head of the School of History, ANU), and Jan Willem Drijvers and Meaghan McEvoy

10.15-11.00: Jan Willem Drijvers (University of Groningen), *The Division of Empire between Valentinian and Valens*

11.00-11.30: Morning tea

Chair: Tatiana Bur

Session 2: Dynasty and Rulership II

11.30-12.15 Meaghan McEvoy (Australian National University), *Women and Children of the Valentinianic Dynasty*

12.15-13.00 Caillan Davenport (Australian National University), *Collegiality and Dynasty on Valentinianic Coinage*

13.00-14.00 Lunch

Chair: Douglas Whyte

Session 3: Military and the Valentinians I

14.00-14.45 Francesco Motta (Australian National University), *'Barbarization' of the Roman Army under the Valentinians: Extent and Dynamics of a Long-debated Phenomenon*

14.45-15.30 Noel Lenski (Yale University), *The Fortification Program of the Valentiniani*

15.30-16.00 Afternoon tea

Chair: Francesco Motta

Session 4: Military and the Valentinians II

16.00-16.45 Mark Hebblewhite (Australian Catholic University), *To the Heights of Power: Military Mobility and the Valentinian Dynasty*

16.45-17.30 Peter Edwell (Macquarie University), *Rome and Persia in the Late Fourth Century*

19.00: **Conference dinner** – at Symposium Restaurant ANU

Day 3 (5th June) - Lectorial 2 (Room 1.23) RSSS Building

Chair: Marko Vitas

Session 5: Literary Representation I

9.30-10.15 Alan Ross (Ohio State University), *Symmachus and the Valentinian Dynasty*

10.15-11.00 Gavin Kelly (University of Edinburgh), *Historiography and the Valentinians*

11.00-11.30 Morning tea

Chair: Alexandra Kujanpaa

Session 6: Literary Representation II

11.30-12.15 Paul Roche (University of Sydney), *Gratian's debt: reciprocity, privilege and rhetoric in Ausonius' Gratianum actio*

12.15-13.00 Audrey Becker (University of Franche-Comté), *Foreign Diplomacy under the Valentinians*

13.00-14.00 Lunch

Chair: Julie Hotchin

Session 7: Government, Bishops, Senators and Cities I

14.00-14.45 Alexandra Kujanpaa (Australian National University),
Constantinople and the Valentinians

14.45-15.30 Kevin Feeney (University of Connecticut), *Usurpation and Rebellion under the Valentinians: A Crisis of Legitimacy?*

15.30-16.00 Afternoon tea

Chair: Jan Willem Drijvers

Session 8: Government, Bishops, Senators and Cities II

16.00-16.45 Kathryn Langenfeld (Clemson University), *Provincial Provocation and Gubernatorial Overreach in the Era of Valentinian I and Valens*

16.45-17.30 Michael Hanaghan (Australian Catholic University), *Ecclesiastical Decision Making in the Valentinian Dynasty*

17.30-18.00 Concluding Discussion (Jan Willem Drijvers and Meaghan McEvoy)
(Informal dinner to follow at own expense)