hosts the Cluster of Excellence "Beyond Slavery and Freedom", which aims to overcome the binary opposition of “slavery versus freedom”. We approach the phenomenon of slavery and other types of strong asymmetrical dependency from methodologically and theoretically distinct perspectives.

Much of late Roman written law is, famously, status-based, but gender-neutral. Because both men and women could hold citizenship and property, in theory women had access to legal procedure to defend their interests in the same way as men, as long as they were free. Nonetheless, we know remarkably little about female agency in late Roman legal procedure. This may be because the frequent gender-neutral language of Roman legal writing has led modern scholars to prioritise the perspectives of men, and because contemporary moralising literature tends to downplay or denigrate female agency and needs to be read against the grain. It may, however, also be due to gender differentiation in legal practice. This workshop brings together classicists, historians, theologians, legal scholars and scholars of Judaism to investigate potential scenarios and loci of conflict resolution through which late antique women of different types and status could access or facilitate justice, or were denied doing so, from the courtroom proper to the household to religious communities. In particular, we aim to recover the role some women may have played as informal legal patrons, negotiators and arbitrators of justice for their dependents.

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| 9:30 – 10:00 AM CEST| Welcome and Introduction  
Julia Hillner  
BCDSS, University of Bonn  
Muriel Moser-Gerber, Goethe University of Frankfurt |
| 10:00 – 11:15 AM   | Panel I: The Representation of Female Agency  
Women in Court: Gender and Visibility in the Novellae Iustiniani  
Katharina Wojciech  
(University of Würzburg)  
Biblical Women Working for Justice:  
Deborah and Tamar in the Church Fathers (online)  
Agnethe Siquans  
(University of Vienna) |
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| 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM | Panel II: Women and Legal Authority  
‘Weaker’ Sex and ‘Weaker’ Dispute Resolution? Women and Arbitration in Late Antique Papyri  
Jakub Urbanik  
Marzena Wojtczak  
(University of Warsaw)  
The Legal Authority of an Abbess in Late Antique Monasteries  
Maria Munkholt  
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The Vanishing Ladies in Symmachus’ Letters: In Search of Female Legal Agency  
Cristiana Sogno  
(Fordham University)  
Women and Legal Problems in the Letters of Gregory the Great  
Boudewijn Sirks  
(University of Oxford) |
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Women and Legal Agency in Rabbinic Case Stories  
Catherine Hezser  
(SOAS, University of London)  
A Strong Female Lead. Women as Tomb Owners in Roman and Late Antique Asia Minor  
Karin Wiedergut  
(Austrian Academy of Sciences, OeAW) |
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Chair: Kate Cooper  
(Royal Holloway University of London) |
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Women as Penitents in the Late Antique and Early Medieval Penitential Books  
Henriette von Harnier  
(BCDSS, University of Bonn)  
Agency, Gossip and Legal Process in an Adultery Scandal in the Karaite Community of Late 12th Century Cairo (online)  
Oded Zinger  
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Beyond the Law: Guardianship, Female Agency, and Legal Autonomy in the Late Antique Papyri  
Lydia Schriemer  
(University of Ottawa)  
The Bedrooms of Power: Female Agency Beyond Testament Law in Late Antique Rome (online)  
Maik Patzelt  
(University of Freiburg) |
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| 1:15 – 2:00 PM     | Response and Final Discussion  
Chair: Benet Salway  
(University College London) |