

## **CEDANT 2018 – The Theodosian Code: Compilation, Transmission, Reception**

seminar “The Papyri: New Collections of Imperial Constitutions”

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### **Preparatory readings**

*Please read the chapters by Dillon and Corcoran (in that order) while focusing on the following questions:*

- *What do the authors have to say about collections of imperial constitutions and imperial rescripts up until the Theodosian Code?*
- *What are some distinct trends in the scholarship? How are they different from each other?*
- *What is the difference between a constitution and a rescript?*

Dillon, J.N. (2012). *The Justice of Constantine. Law, Communication, and Control*. Ann Arbor, pp. 12-34 (= chapter 1, ‘The Sources and the Codex Theodosianus’)

Corcoran, C. (2002, 2nd edn.). *The Empire of the Tetrarchs*. Oxford, pp. 25-42 (= chapter 2, ‘The Gregorian and Hermogenian Codes’)

### **Background readings (optional)**

*These readings are not mandatory, but they are extremely informative about the historical and cultural context of imperial law in the “real world” of Late Antique Egypt. Try to read at least one of them. They will also be useful for the seminars of other professors.*

Bowman, A. (2005). ‘Egypt from Septimius Severus to the Death of Constantine’. In: A. Bowman, P. Garnsey, and A. Cameron (eds.). *The Cambridge Ancient History. Volume 12*. Cambridge, pp. 313-326

Palme, B. (2007). ‘The Imperial Presence: Government and Army’. In: R.S. Bagnall (ed.). *Egypt in the Byzantine World, 300-700*. Cambridge, pp. 244-270

*If you cannot get enough of the topic, there is also:*

Kelly, C. (2008). ‘Emperors, Government and Bureaucracy’. In: A. Cameron and P. Garnsey (eds.). *The Cambridge Ancient History. Volume 13*. Cambridge, pp. 138-183