

Roman History 146–70 BC: Lecture prospectus

This lecture series will discuss the first half of the period covered by the 'Republic in Crisis' paper, focusing in particular on the political and social history of the period. Themes will include: the role of the Roman people in the politics of the late republic; the social and political problems facing Rome and Italy in this period; and the causes and effects of conflict in this period. We will explore a wide range of literary, numismatic, and epigraphic evidence to paint a detailed picture of politics and society in the Roman world in this period.

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Lectures will be held at 9am in the Lecture Theatre in the Faculty of Classics on Tuesdays of Trinity term 2026

1. After 146 BC
2. C. Gracchus and the reforms of the late 120s BC
3. Sicily and the slave wars
4. Crisis and corruption in the last decade of the second century BC
5. Italy and Roman citizenship
6. Civil war and a republic 'restored'
7. The Greek east during the Mithridatic War
8. Rome and Italy after Sulla's dictatorship