

Romans, Barbarians, and the Transformation of the Roman World

Cultural Interaction and the Creation of Identity in
Late Antiquity

Edited by

RALPH W. MATHISEN

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

and

DANUTA SHANZER

Universität Wien, Austria

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA

ASHGATE

Contents

<i>List of Figures and Table</i>	ix
<i>Abbreviations</i>	xiii
<i>Notes on Contributors</i>	xv

Introduction	1
<i>Ralph W. Mathisen, Danuta Shanzer</i>	

PART I: CONSTRUCTING IMAGES OF THE IMPACT AND IDENTITY OF BARBARIANS

A. Literary Constructions of Barbarian Identity

1	Catalogues of Barbarians in Late Antiquity <i>Ralph W. Mathisen</i>	17
2	Augustine and the Merciful Barbarians <i>Gillian Clark</i>	33
3	<i>Reguli</i> in the Roman Empire, Late Antiquity, and the Early Medieval Germanic Kingdoms <i>Steven Fanning</i>	43
4	Were the Sasanians Barbarians? Roman Writers on the “Empire of the Persians” <i>Scott McDonough</i>	55
5	A Roman Image of the “Barbarian” Sasanians <i>Jan Willem Drijvers</i>	67

B. Political and Religious Interpretations of Barbarian Activities

6	Banditry or Catastrophe?: History, Archaeology, and Barbarian Raids on Roman Greece <i>Amelia Robertson Brown</i>	79
7	John Rufus, Timothy Aelurus, and the Fall of the Western Roman Empire <i>Edward Watts</i>	97

C. Imperial Manipulation of Perceptions of Barbarians

- | | | |
|----|---|-----|
| 8 | Imperial Religious Unification Policy and its Divisive Consequences:
Diocletian, the Jews, and the Samaritans
<i>Yuval Shahar</i> | 109 |
| 9 | Hellenes, Barbarians, and Christians: Religion and Identity Politics
in Diocletian's Rome
<i>Elizabeth DePalma Digeser</i> | 121 |
| 10 | Barbarians as Spectacle: The Account of an Ancient "Embedded
Reporter" (Symm. Or. 2.10–12)
<i>Cristiana Sogno</i> | 133 |

PART II: CULTURAL INTERACTION ON THE ROMAN/BARBARIAN FRONTIERS

A. Becoming Roman: Movements of People across the Frontier and the Effects of Imperial Policies

- | | | |
|----|--|-----|
| 11 | The <i>ius colonatus</i> as a Model for the Settlement of Barbarian
Prisoners-of-War in the Late Roman Empire?
<i>Cam Grey</i> | 147 |
| 12 | Spies Like Us: Treason and Identity in the Late Roman Empire
<i>Kimberly Kagan</i> | 161 |
| 13 | The "Runaway" Avars and Late Antique Diplomacy
<i>Ekaterina Nechaeva</i> | 175 |

B. Becoming Roman: Social and Economic Interchange

- | | | |
|----|---|-----|
| 14 | Captivity and Romano-Barbarian Interchange
<i>Noel Lenski</i> | 185 |
| 15 | Barbarian Raiders and Barbarian Peasants: Models of Ideological
and Economic Integration
<i>Hartmut Ziche</i> | 199 |

C. A New Era of Accommodation

- | | | |
|----|--|-----|
| 16 | Kush and Rome on the Egyptian Southern Frontier: Where Barbarians
Worshipped as Romans and Romans Worshipped as Barbarians
<i>Salim Faraji</i> | 223 |
|----|--|-----|

- 17 Petra and the Saracens: New Evidence from a Recently Discovered Epigram 233
Jason Moralee
- 18 Elusive Places: A Chorological Approach to Identity and Territory in Scythia Minor (Second–Seventh Centuries) 241
Linda Ellis
- 19 Barbarian Traffic, Demon Oaths, and Christian Scruples (Aug. Epist. 46–47) 253
Kevin Uhalde

PART III: CREATING IDENTITY IN THE POST-ROMAN WORLD

- 20 Visigothic Settlement, *Hospitalitas*, and Army Payment Reconsidered 265
Andreas Schwarcz
- 21 Building an Ethnic Identity for a New Gothic and Roman Nobility: Córdoba, 615 AD 271
Luis A. García Moreno
- 22 Vascones and Visigoths: Creation and Transformation of Identity in Northern Spain in Late Antiquity 283
Scott de Brestian
- 23 Identity and Ethnicity during the Era of Migrations and Barbarian Kingdoms in the Light of Archaeology in Gaul 299
Patrick Périn, Michel Kazanski
- 24 Text, Artifact, and Genome: The Disputed Nature of the Anglo-Saxon Migration into Britain 331
Michael E. Jones

PART IV: EPILOGUE: MODERN CONSTRUCTIONS OF BARBARIAN IDENTITY

- 25 Auguste Moutié, Pioneer of Merovingian Archaeology, and the Spurlock Merovingian Collection at the University of Illinois 343
Bailey Young, Barbara Oehlschlaeger-Garvey
- Index* 359