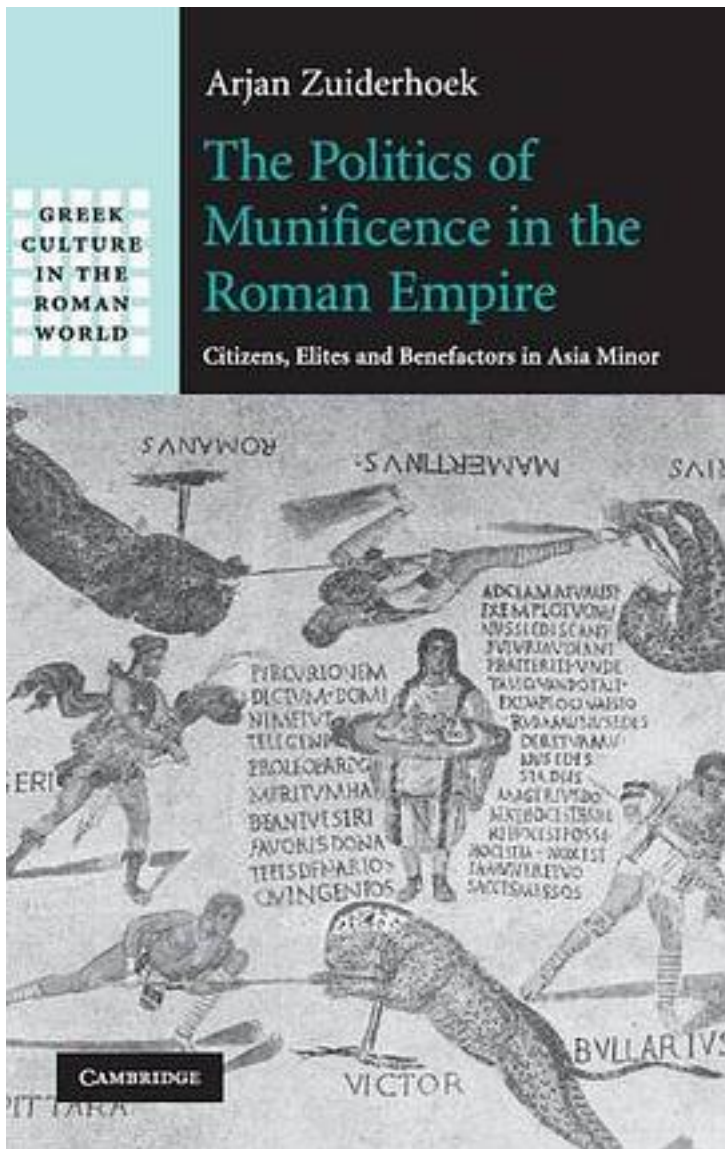


The Politics of Munificence in the Roman Empire



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In the first two centuries AD, the eastern Roman provinces experienced a proliferation of elite public generosity unmatched in their previous or later history. In this study, Arjan Zuiderhoek attempts to answer the question why this should have been so. Focusing on Roman Asia Minor, he argues that the surge in elite public giving was not caused by the weak economic and financial position of the provincial cities, as has often been maintained, but by social and political developments and tensions within the Greek cities created by their integration into the Roman imperial system. As disparities of wealth and power within imperial polis society continued to widen, the exchange of gifts for honours between elite and non-elite citizens proved an excellent political mechanism for deflecting social tensions away from open conflicts towards communal celebrations of shared citizenship and the legitimation of power in the cities.

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方法主要是建模+个例，过多的逻辑推演，对史料本身的解读还是不够深，类似入门读物，图表虽多，但常常觉得不能一眼看清各个参数。研究路径：从政治行为理解，与寡头政治合法性的关联；关注对象：地方精英公共的捐助，不关注皇帝等捐助行为；研究问题：爆炸式增长的原因proliferation而非公益捐助存在的原因；增长点：对美德的展示与社会观念的转变，从isonomia到社会阶层的分化，视之作为一种文化转型。

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