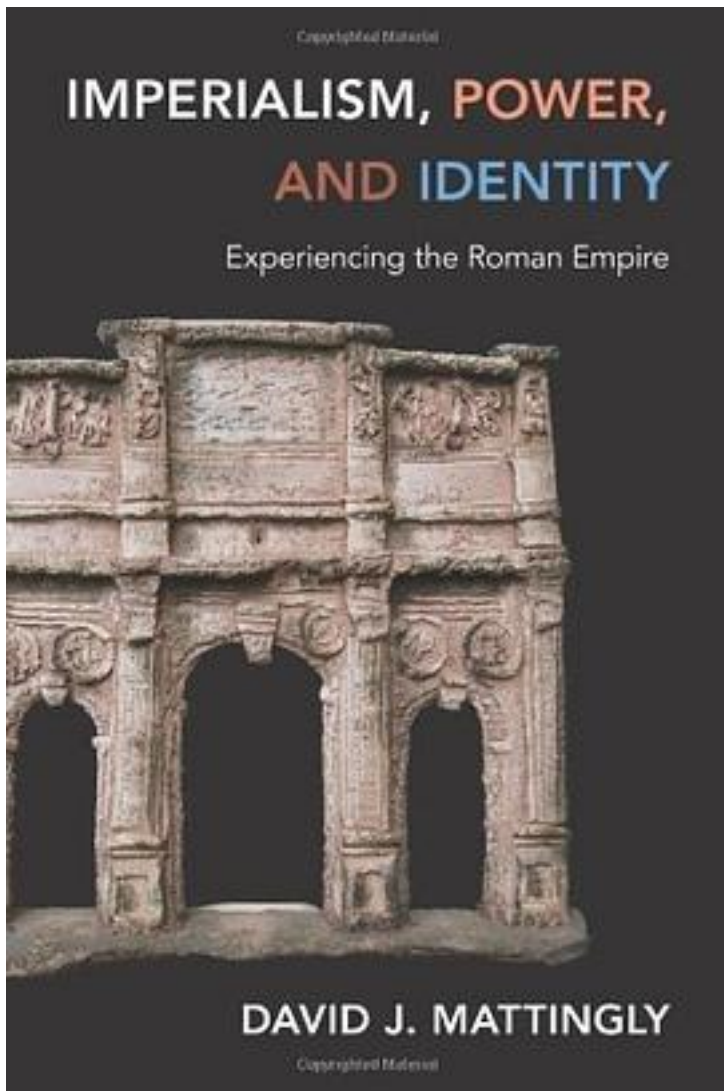


# Imperialism, Power, and Identity



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Despite what history has taught us about imperialism's destructive effects on colonial societies, many classicists continue to emphasize disproportionately the civilizing and assimilative nature of the Roman Empire and to hold a generally favorable view of Rome's impact on its subject people. "Imperialism, Power, and Identity" boldly challenges this view using insights from postcolonial studies of modern empires to offer a more nuanced understanding of Roman imperialism. Rejecting outdated notions about Romanization, David Mattingly focuses instead on the concept of identity to reveal a Roman society made up of far-flung populations whose experience of empire varied enormously. He examines the nature of power in Rome and the means by which the Roman state exploited the natural, mercantile, and human resources within its frontiers. Mattingly draws on his own archaeological work in Britain, Jordan, and North Africa and covers a broad range of topics, including sexual relations and violence; census-taking and taxation; mining and pollution; land and labor; and art and iconography. He shows how the lives of those under Rome's dominion were challenged, enhanced, or destroyed by the empire's power, and in doing so he redefines the meaning and significance of Rome in today's debates about globalization, power, and empire. "Imperialism, Power, and Identity" advances a new agenda for classical studies, one that views Roman rule from the perspective of the ruled and not just the rulers.

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主要读了Part

I和III，章5和Kay批评Finley【和Polanyi】的画风类似，都试图说明近代经济的某些模式（这里是殖民生产）有ancient

correspondence；章7是亮点：考察罗马炼铜厂对环境的污染与罗马经济衰落的关系。

Part

II和IV没感觉太亮眼，可能看过Ando以后没那么惊艳感了。。。全书时时带着比较眼光，一会拿Maghreb一会用中国，一会再考虑工业化污染来衡量当时的社会史。

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