

ROMAN ARTICULATED DOLLS IN CONTEXT

Typology, Technique, Provenance and Representations

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University of Fribourg



Bone articulated doll, Sambon Collection, Milano, © Sabap-Mi, Ministero della Cultura

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Greek and Roman Articulated Dolls (10th cent. BC- 7th cent. AD): Archaeological and Anthropological Approaches

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Wednesday 22 June

9:15 **OPENING - Chiara Bianchi and Véronique Dasen**

PROVENANCE

9:30 **Alessio De Cristofaro, Roma**
Nuptae tombs in Imperial Rome: ritual and historical-social aspects

10:15 **Lorenza Endrizzi, Trento - Annamaria Azzolini, Trento**
The "tomb of the doll" in Trento: the context in the light of new data

11:15 **Break**

11:30 **Tomer Fucs Bar, Jerusalem**
An ivory doll from Sepphoris (Galilee, Israel)

12:15 **Annemarieke Willemsen, Leiden**
Roman dolls in Northern Europe

13:00 **Lunch**

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14:15 **Ida Anna Rapinesi, Roma**
The conservation and restoration of ivory and bone dolls from archaeological contexts

15:00 **Isabelle Bertrand, Chauvigny - Chiara Bianchi, Fribourg**
The doll torso from Sebatum (S. Lorenzo di Sebato, IT) and the "jet" and other "black stones" question in Northern Italy and the western Roman Empire

15:45 **Break**

16:00 **Maya Muratov, New York**
Albert Gayet's "marionnettes isiaques" from Antinoupolis

16:45 **Laure de Chavagnac, Lyon**
Articulated clay figurines from Gaul

17:30 **Break**

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18:15 **Oriol Vaz-Romero, Barcelona**
HISPANIA LUDENS: Articulated Toys Made by 20th Century Spanish Artists. Prototypes and Some Ancient Archetypes.

Thursday 23 June

REPRESENTATIONS

9:15 Oliva Menozzi, Chieti-Pescara

Dolls at Cyrene: between funerary semata and religious rites

10:00 Véronique Dasen, Fribourg

The Getty Museum sarcophagus with representation of dolls

10:45 Break

11:00 Kornelija A. Giunio, Zadar

Pupae from the holdings of the Archaeological Museum in Zadar

11:45 Table ronde projets/recherches en cours

A. Duvauchelle, M. Krieg, Avenches ; F. Germán Rodríguez Martín, Madrid ;
O. Ruchynska, Fribourg/Kharkiv

12:30 Lunch

TYOLOGY, TECHNIQUE

New researches on a group of Roman bone dolls from Aquileia

14:00 Chiara Bianchi, Fribourg

*The bone dolls in the National Archaeological Museum in Aquileia:
a typological approach*

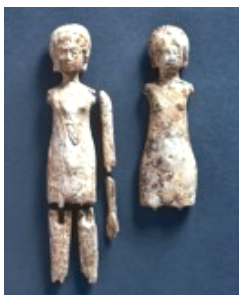
14:45 Sabine Deschler-Erb, Basel

What raw material analysis tells us about the production of Roman bone dolls

15:30 Dorota Wojtczak, Basel

Micro-wear analysis of Roman dolls from Aquileia

16:15 Visit of the Musée d'Yverdon et region – Yverdon-les-Bains



Friday 24 June

TYOLOGY, TECHNIQUE

The bone doll from the Sambon Collection

9:15 Chiara Bianchi, Fribourg

The Sambon bone doll: provenance and typology

10:00 Christophe Picod, Sarroгна (F)

The reconstruction of the copy of the Sambon bone doll

10:45 Break

11:00 Christophe Picod, Sarroгна - **Dorota Wojtczak**, Basel

*Reconstruction of a copy of a Roman bone doll of the "schematic" type
and discussion on the techniques of production*

11:45 Final Discussion

12:30 Lunch

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This conference is dedicated to a category of objects usually classified in the modern category of toys: anthropomorphic figurines which often represent an adult woman with a sexed body, commonly called "dolls" because of their small size and their articulated members that suggest manipulation. In the Roman world, in Italy and the provinces, these figurines are made of bone, ivory, wood, and precious material such as amber from the imperial Roman era to late Antiquity (late 1st-7th cent. AD).

These objects are ambiguous (secular toy or sacred object? mortal or divine figure? child's doll or theatrical puppet?).

This conference intends to investigate their specificities and transformations in space and time in order to elucidate the meaning of their ambiguities. Typo-chronological: material, production methods, provenance (domestic, votive, funerary) and distribution network. Socio-religious: defining contexts of manipulations (secular, ritual or both?), the age group (only before adulthood?), and the sex (only for girls?) and their transformations in space and time. The conference will also examine representations of dolls in different media (funerary reliefs, sarcophagi...), question the reconstruction of their clothing and bodily ornaments, and address the symbolic and learning function of this category of objects.

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