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“Roman Citizenship and Roman Slavery”

Abstract:

The major question will be how enfranchised slaves, the so-called freedmen, could acquire the Roman citizenship. In order to understand the dynamics and different phases of the Roman citizenship an important introduction to the general rules of citizenship will be put at the beginning of the lecture. In this context a major attention must be paid to the status of the Latini and the legal rules regulating their status from the Republic to the Principate. Important legislative measures under Augustus (Lex Aelia Sentia) and Tiberius (Lex Iunia Norbana) created a new category of Latins, the Latini Aeliani and the Latini Iuniani. The lecture will explain their legal position and show in which way and under which circumstances they were able to become Roman citizens.

Bio:

Johannes Michael Rainer, born in Graz, spent his childhood and youth in Rome. He studied law, history, archaeology and classical and modern philology in Innsbruck, Graz and Rome. Professor Rainer has taught in Bologna, Clermont-Ferrand, Puerto Rico, Trento, Verona, Rome, New Orleans and Nancy as a visiting professor and at many partner universities within the framework of the Erasmus program. In 2000 he founded the Salzburg Summer School "European Private Law". The University of Roma Tre appointed Prof. Rainer "chiara fama" to a chair of comparative law in 2003. In 2007 and 2010, he was awarded honorary doctorates from the University of Örebro in Sweden and the University of Clermont-Ferrand in France. In 2013, he was appointed honorary senator by the LFU-Innsbruck. Prof. Rainer has authored and edited numerous books and essays, especially on comparative, private law and Roman law topics.

As Dean of the Law Faculty in Salzburg, Prof. Rainer Since 2015, he is the Dean of the Faculty of law. His research foci include Roman constitutional law, Roman building and neighborhood law, Slave research, Roman legal history from the end of antiquity to modern times, Private law codifications, Roman rights and European private law.