

## EDITOR'S NOTE



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Studies on Late Antiquity have developed deeply in recent decades. In terms of the new conceptual criticism, the variety of problems, approaches and sources, these studies were strongly influenced by the post-World War II context.

After publishing *The World of Late Antiquity: From Marcus Aurelius to Muhammad* (1971), by Peter Brown, to the most recent research, Late Antiquity was consolidated, either as an important historical period or as an autonomous field of ancient Mediterranean history in its Afro-Eurasian configuration.

With the cooperation of Professor Margarida Maria de Carvalho, an important Brazilian expert in Late Antiquity studies, the journal *Heródoto* presents in this issue a dossier on this subject, with the contributions of Brazilian and foreign researchers.

We wish you all an excellent reading.

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