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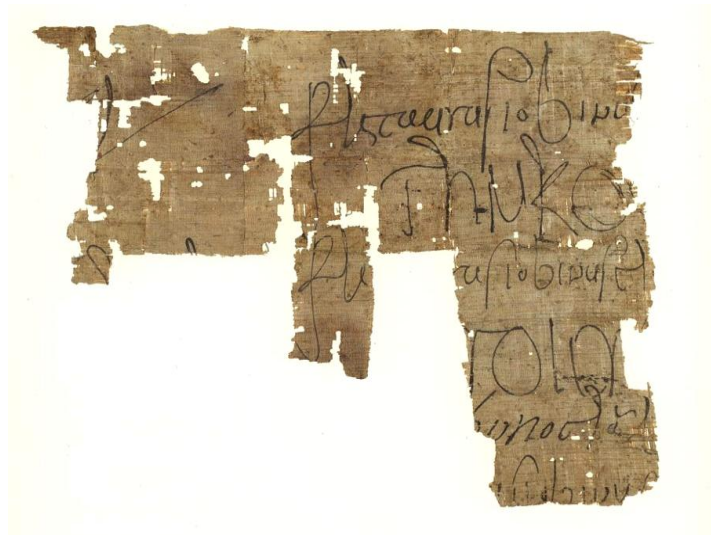
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# Imperial law and local law in Roman Egypt

Stepping out of an old paradigm

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Our understanding of the impact of the Roman imperial legal system on society and culture in the Roman provinces has been hampered by inadequate models for analyzing the relationship between law and social practice. In this paper, I give an outline of the traditional debates and propose to reformulate our approach to the problem of imperial and local law before and after the *Constitutio Antoniniana*, the grant of universal citizenship to all free inhabitants of the Roman Empire in 212 CE.