

# Breaking the Apocalyptic Frame: Constantinian Propoganda and the Longue Durée

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Ancient historians like to think that we view antiquity from a distance, that our view of the period—while perhaps shaped by our own context—is not especially in thrall to the biases or propoganda of those whom we study. But is this true? As this talk will suggest, perhaps the accepted narrative of early Christian history and the rise of the emperor Constantine have been shaped more by imperial court propoganda than we have recognized up to now.

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