

IMPERIAL IMAGE

The creation of the Principate

res publica

libertas X dominatio
principatus

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From the Gracchi to Nero

The *Res Gestae* on temple
of Rome and Augustus
at Ankara



The **RES PUBLICA** ('public thing', = state)

[*SPQR: senatus populusque romanus*]

1. popular assemblies: pass all laws (*lex, leges*), elect all magistrates.

2. magistrates, annual – 2 consuls (run the state, give name to year) and 8 praetors have *imperium* ('rule'), other magistrates have *potestas* ('power').

3. senate: mostly ex-magistrates, membership for life; have religious authority, but can only give advice (*senatus consultum*) to magistrates; appoint proconsuls/propraetors to govern provinces.

dominatio: individual or group holding illegal or untraditional power to benefit of selves and supporters

libertas: political freedom - of the *populus*, of any elite individual

KEY EVENTS

63 BC, 23 Sept: born - called Gaius Octavius.

44 BC, 15 March: Julius Caesar assassinated; great-nephew Octavian is main heir on condition he took Caesar's name - called Gaius Julius Caesar (Octavianus?).

42-33 BC: by *lex* of the people, triumvir 'for organising the republic' with Marcus Antonius and M. Aemilius Lepidus.

31; 30 BC: battle of Actium; capture of Alexandria (suicides of Antony and Cleopatra).

31-23 BC: Octavian / Augustus consul (III-XI) with a supporter as other consul.

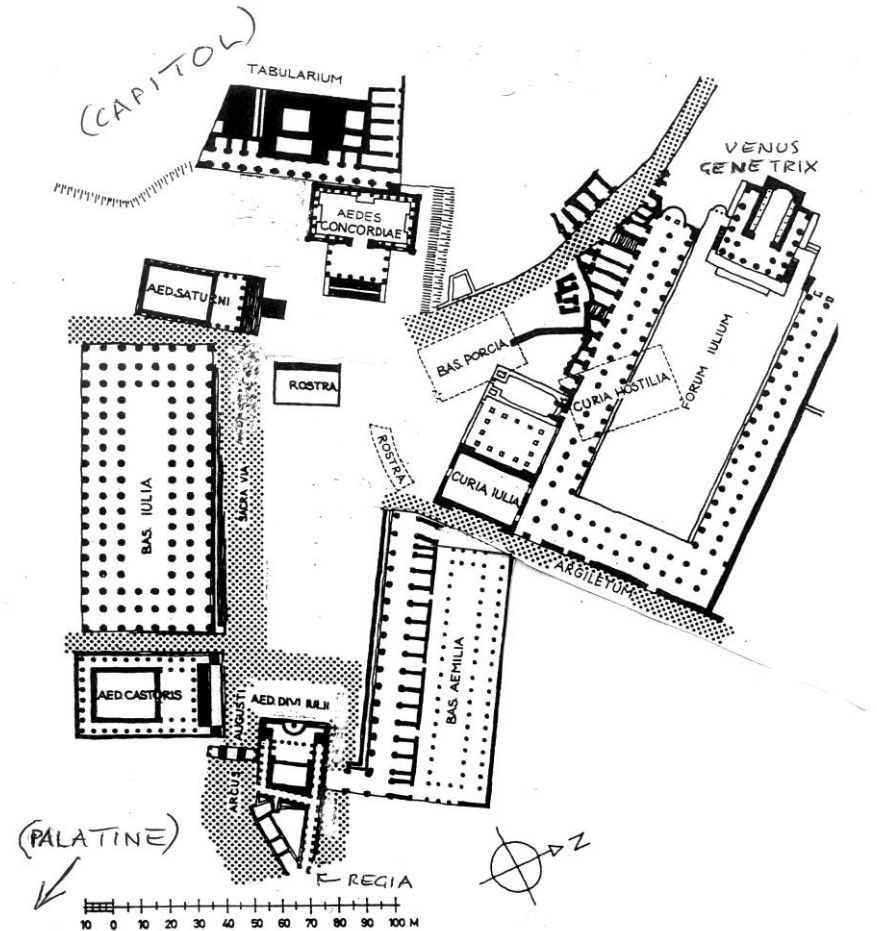
Forum Romanum – with curia Julia (senate house)





Forum Julium temple of Venus Genetrix (‘the begetter’)

FORUM ROMANUM IN 27 BC



Forum Romanum
temple of Divus Julius
(podium)





tumulus Juliorum

(‘mound-tomb of the Julii’)

Mausoleum

(‘the exotic tyrant tomb’)

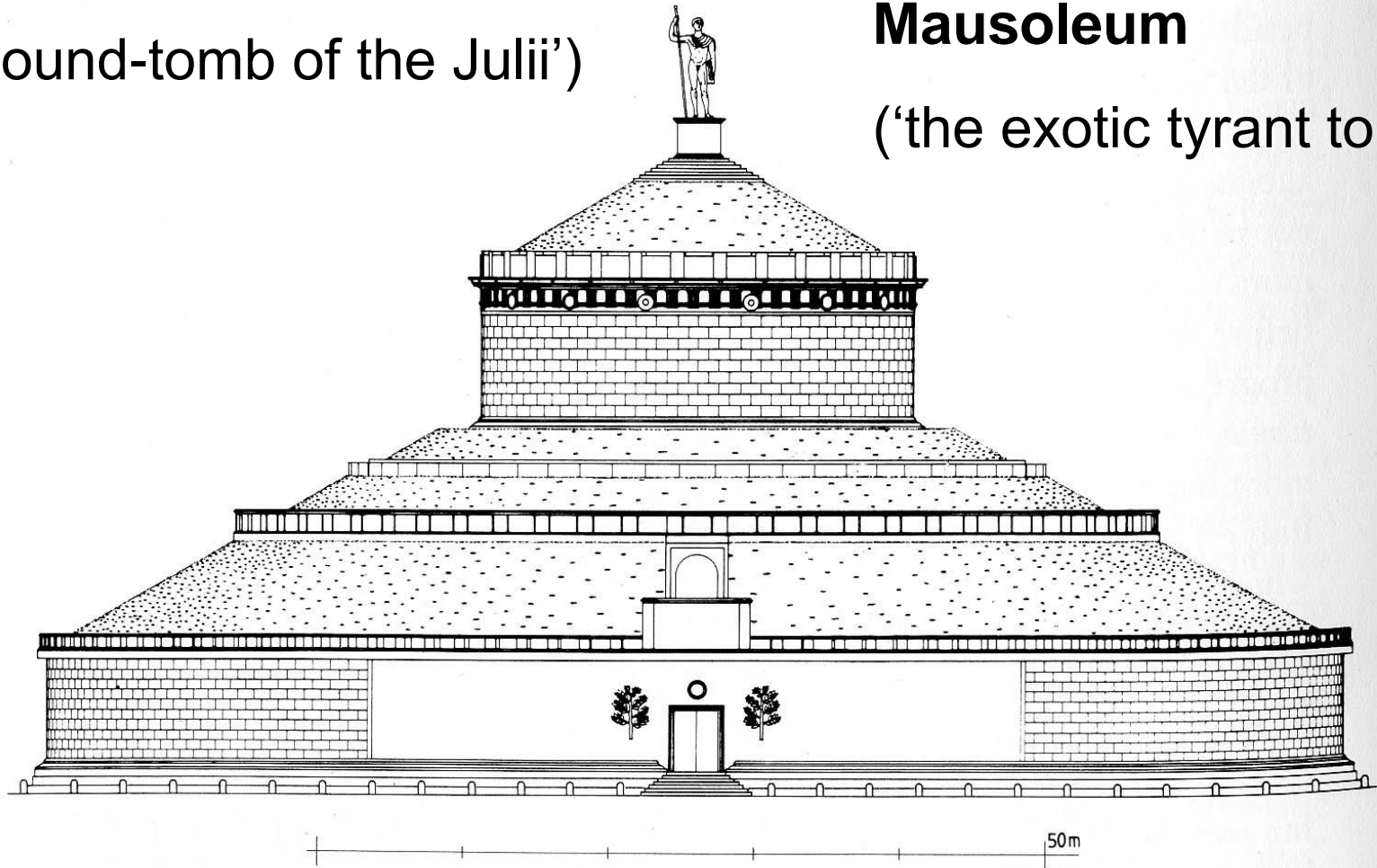
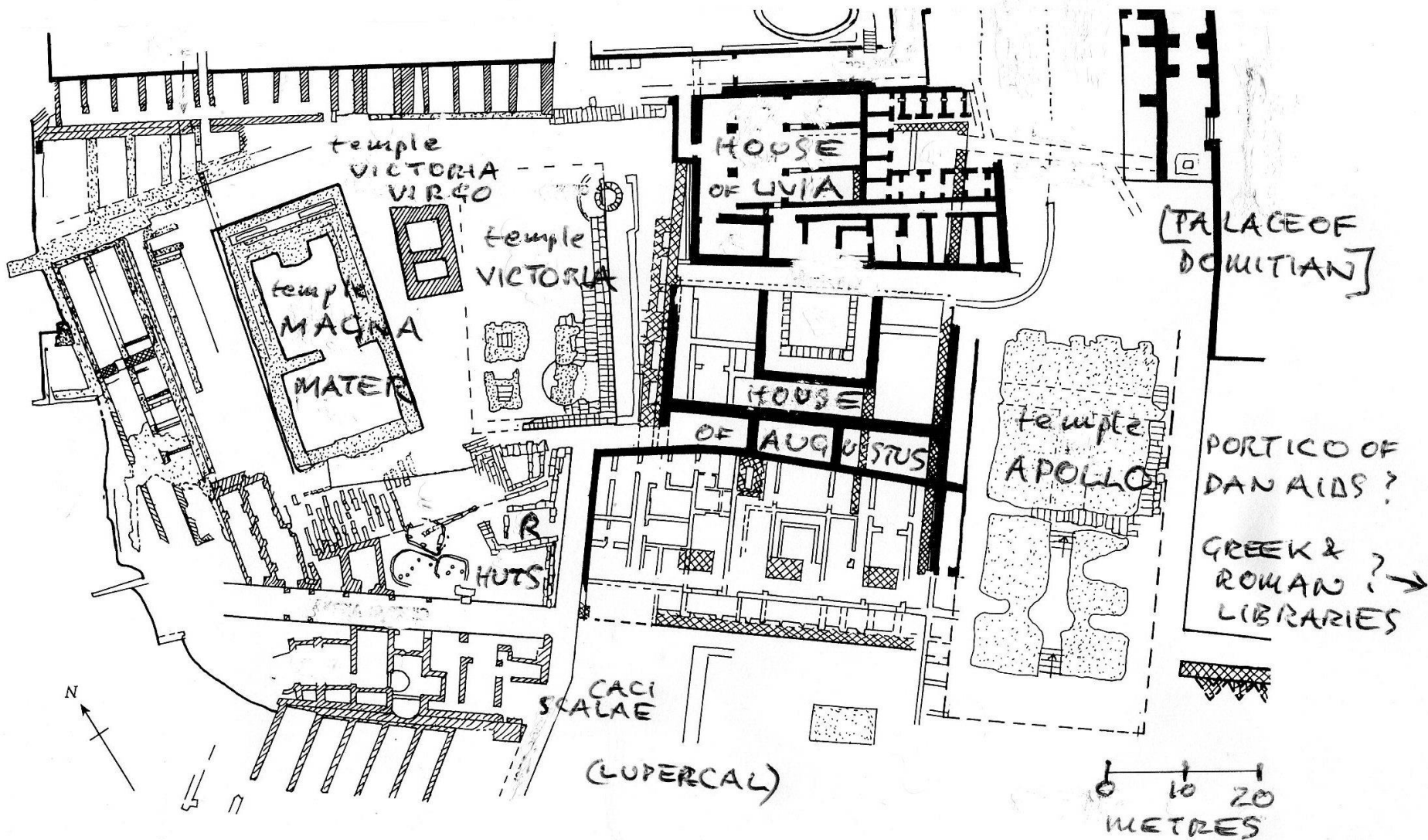


Fig. 59. Rome, Mausoleum of Augustus. Reconstruction by H. von Hesberg.

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(FORUM)

[PALACE OF
TIBERIUS]

[FARNESE
GARDENS]



THE PALATIUM



The PALACE (*palatium*)
(from the Circus Maximus)



Caesareum (temple of Caesar) >> Pantheon (of all gods)

**Kalabsha gate: 'Caesar, (son of?) the god, the Roman'
re-grants lands to Isis [*cartouche, but not 'pharaoh'*]**



The three 'settlements' (Mommssen)

28/7 BC: Octavian gives up using (defunct) powers as triumvir [cf. gold coin in BM];
receives 10-year governorship (*imperium proconsulare*) of dangerous provinces,
also name Augustus and other honours, and vague duty to 'care' for state.

23 BC: Augustus ceases annual tenure of consulship;
receives upgrade to *maius imperium proconsulare*
and grant of indefinite annual *tribunicia potestas*.

19 BC: Grant of indefinite *imperium consulare* and of *censoria potestas* for one year.

+ 12 BC: Election as *pontifex maximus*.

2 BC: Grant of title *pater patriae*. [cf. *paterfamilias*]

***aureus* of 28 BC**

imp. Caesar divi f. cos. VI



leges et iura p. R. restituit

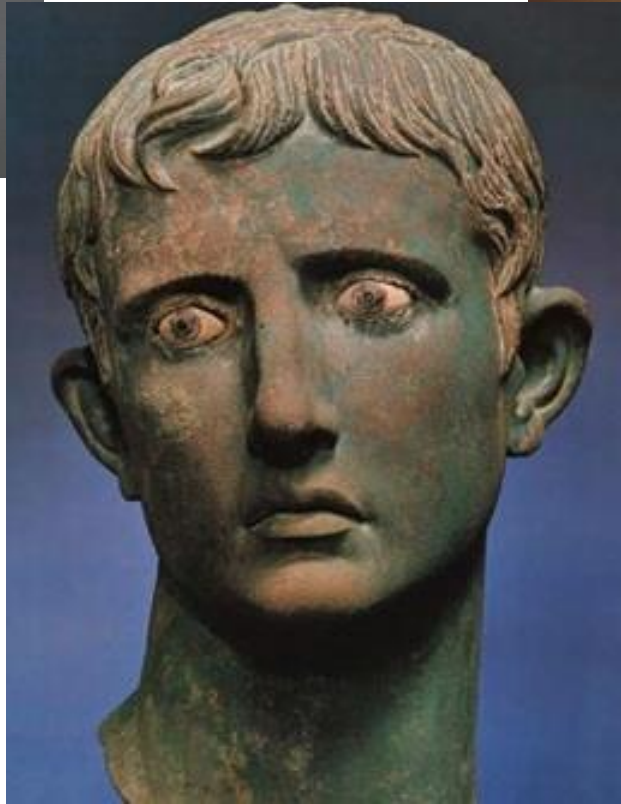


Alexander
'the Great'

Octavian
(Meroe, BM)



Pompey
'the Great'



AUGUSTUS

(from 27 BC)

