



BENEDICT KINGSBURY IS THE MURRY AND IDA BECKER PROFESSOR OF LAW AND DIRECTOR OF THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW AND JUSTICE AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, AND **BENJAMIN STRAUMANN** IS THE ALBERICO GENTILI FELLOW AT NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

- Examines the influence of Roman law, and the model of the Roman Empire, on the development of the European understanding of international law by focussing on the work of Alberico Gentili
- Contributors to the volume include legal scholars, classical scholars, and historians

Readership : Scholars and students of legal history, historians of political thought, political theorists, classicists, and scholars of international law.

The Roman Foundations of the Law of Nations

Alberico Gentili and the Justice of Empire

EDITED BY **BENEDICT KINGSBURY**, AND **BENJAMIN STRAUMANN**

This book makes the important but surprisingly under-explored argument that modern international law was built on the foundations of Roman law and Roman imperial practice. A pivotal figure in this enterprise was the Italian Protestant Alberico Gentili (1552-1608), the great Oxford Roman law scholar and advocate, whose books and legal opinions on law, war, empire, embassies and maritime issues framed the emerging structure of inter-state relations in terms of legal rights and remedies drawn from Roman law and built on Roman and scholastic theories of just war and imperial justice.

The distinguished group of contributors examine the theory and practice of justice and law in Roman imperial wars and administration; Gentili's use of Roman materials; the influence of Gentili on Vitoria and Bodin and his impact on Grotius and Hobbes; and the ideas and influence of Gentili and other major thinkers from the 16th to the 18th centuries on issues such as preventive self-defence, punishment, piracy, Europe's political and mercantile relations with the Ottoman Empire, commerce and trade, European and colonial wars and peace settlements, reason of state, justice, and the relations between natural law and observed practice in providing a normative and operational basis for international relations and what became international law.

This book explores ways in which both the theory and the practice of international politics was framed in ways that built on these Roman private law and public law foundations, including concepts of rights. This history of ideas has continuing importance as European ideas of international law and empire have become global, partly accepted and partly contested elsewhere in the world.

CONTENTS

Part I A Just Empire: The Roman Model

Part II Gentili and the Law of War

Part III Law Between, Beyond and Within Sovereigns

December 2010 | 400 pages | 978-0-19-959987-5 | ~~£60.00~~ **£48.00** | Hardback

HOW TO ORDER

Online : www.oup.com/uk

OXFORD
UNIVERSITY PRESS

By phone : +44 (0)1536 741727. Monday-Friday, 08.30 am — 17.00 pm, UK time. Telephone calls may be recorded for training purposes.

By post : please fill in the order form below, and return it to:

Order Management Department, OUP, North Kettering Business Park, Hipwell Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN14 1UA, UK. .
Please allow 7 days from receipt of your order for delivery in the UK, and 14 days elsewhere.

Ordering in the US : For information about how to order in the US and how to order inspection copies in the US, please visit www.oup.com/us.

QTY	ISBN	Title	Amount £
	978-0-19-959987-5	The Roman Foundations of the Law of Nations	
Add VAT*: Are you VAT registered? Please tick <input type="checkbox"/> (VAT number : _____)			£
Add Postage & Packing: UK £3 per order Europe: £6 per order Rest of World: £9 per order			£
TOTAL			£

PAYMENT DETAILS

I enclose a cheque/PO/bankers draft (payable to Oxford University Press) £

Please charge to my

American Express Delta Diners Electron Maestro/Switch Master/Eurocard Solo Visa

Card No. _____ Card expiry date _____ / _____

Debit Card/Switch Issue No. _____ Valid From _____ / _____ Name of card holder _____

Signature _____ Date _____

BILLING ADDRESS

Title _____ First Name _____

Last Name _____

Organization/Institution _____

Address of card holder _____

Postcode _____

Country _____

Email _____

DELIVERY ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT

We may wish to send you information in the future by post or email on other OUP products, services, and offers which we feel may be of interest to you. We will not pass your information to any third party, and you may choose to leave our mailing list at any time. If you would prefer not to receive mailings from us, please indicate this by ticking one or both of the boxes below:

- I would prefer not to receive information by email
 I would prefer not to receive information by post

*VAT: In the EC (not UK), please add VAT/sales tax at the local rate to your total order value. UK customers should add VAT for CD-ROM, video, or audio products.

The specifications in this leaflet/catalogue, including without limitation price, format, extent, number of illustrations, and month of publication, were as accurate as possible at the time it went to press.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ORDER.

PROMOTIONAL CODE: ALAUTH7