

Women in politics during the Julio - Claudian Empire (14 AD - 68 AD) of Ancient Rome

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The purpose of this study is to survey the extent of female influence on a male dominated political world in ancient Rome. The period of study is the Julio - Claudian period of the Roman Empire (14 AD - 68 AD). This is the immediate post Augustan period which commences with the rule of Tiberius and terminates with the death of Nero. Therefore the discussion would include the empire under the Emperors, Tiberius, Gaius, Claudius and Nero who were all related to either Emperor Agustus or his wife Livia. The intention is to analyse how, though strictly restricted to the