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**A rosy lotus for Antinoos. Hadrian, Egypt and Roman religions**

The death of Antinoos and the following establishment of a cult in his honour are the most famous and debated legacies of Hadrian's relationship with Egypt. However, Egyptian papyri preserved many more details and information about the famous travel on the Nile and Hadrian's presence in the country. This paper will analyse this material and shed new light on the role that Egypt and its culture played in Hadrian's imperial policy especially regarding religion, in a century which turned out to be crucial for both the restructuring of the Roman State and the modelling of old and new religious systems.