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Religious Change and Roman Legislation

This paper takes as its focus the theme of religious change at a specific chronological junction: the early years of the first century BCE. In that period the interplay between the action of the voting assemblies and the authority of the Senate stands out as a strong focus of interest, in which some innovative and quite fundamentally problematic action unfolded.
The discussion will revolve around a set of laws that were passed at two different stages in the 90s of the first century BCE, one in 99 and one in 91, and which shared the same fate: they were both repealed shortly after their passage by an intervention of the Senate. These instances are striking because they are not neatly paralleled in what is known about the institutional history of Republican period. They are, in fact, unique occurrences, which point to a moment in which new experiments were made on the interplay between Senate, voting assemblies, and magistrates; they may fairly be regarded as a moments of institutional rupture, albeit not of a violent kind. Should we regard them as outliers, or can they productively be read as part of longer-term developments?

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