

## **The Roman colonial policy in the Kingdom of Mauretania (33 BC-AD 42)**

### **Abstract:**

This paper deals with the Roman colonial policy in the Kingdom of Mauretania since it became in the hands of the Romans in 33 BC until it became, in fact, a Roman province in AD 42. It also discusses the colonies which Emperor Augustus established in the Kingdom of Mauritania for military, economic and political purposes. Some of these colonies were of a civilian nature and others of a military nature. Augustus also established twelve colonies, three of them in western Mauritania and nine in the east. In addition to some colonies that were established during the reign of Emperor Claudius. The paper also stresses the importance of Mauretania for the Romans and the reasons that impelled Augustus, as well as Claudius after him, to found several colonies in Mauritania.