

Saturday
June **28th**
2025

Room K -1.14 (lower ground floor)

Session 5:
Poetry, Sex, and Eroticism
(chair: Anthony Corbeill, Virginia)

9.00-9.30: **Flavia Vasconcellos Amaral** (Winnipeg), *Meleager's Erotica and his Poetic Composition*

9.30-10.00: **Adrien Bresson** (Saint-Étienne), *Delineating Masculine Sexuality in the Fourth Century: Ausonius and Claudian*

10.00-10.30: **Benjamin Demassieux** (Lille), *Divine Abduction and Mortal Justice: Negotiating Consent, Power, and Legal Frameworks in Claudian's De Raptu Proserpinae and Dracontius' De Raptu Helenae*

10.30-11.00: Discussion

11.00-11.30: Coffee Break

Session 6:
Ethnography, Anthropology, Society
(chair: Niall Slater, Emory)

11.30-12.00: **Ralph Moore** (Dublin), *Like Beasts in the Field?: Theories of Nature vs Nurture in Greek and Latin Ethnographies of Sexuality in the Barbarian North*

12.00-12.30: **Huiling Zhang** (Oxford), *Brothers in Love and Crime: The Address Frater and a Legal Reading of the Male Love Triangle in the Satyricon*

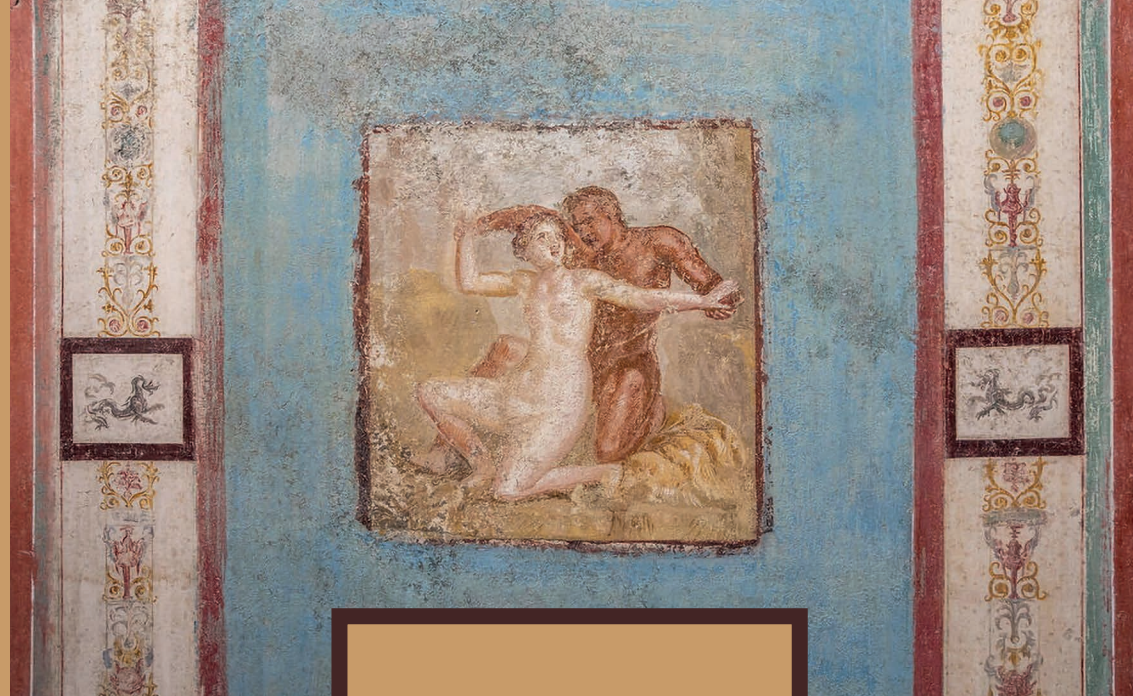
12.30-13.00: **Lothar Willms** (Berlin), *All Greek to us? A Structuralist Rereading of Sexuality in Antiquity*

13.00-13.30: Discussion

Farewell and lunch

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Ancient Sexuality Revisited

Organised by Jean-Christophe Courtil
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The event will be co-hosted
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River Room

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Thursday
June **26th**
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9.00-9.15: Opening by the conference organiser

9.15-10.00: **Keynote I:**

Sandra Boehringer (Strasbourg), *Sex, Pleasure, and Theory: What Do Aphrodisia Really Stand For?*

10.00-10.15: Response by **Niall Slater** (Emory)

10.15-10.30: Discussion

10.30-11.00: Coffee Break

Session 1a:

Practicing Sex

(chair: **Susan Deacy**, Bristol)

11.00-11.30: **Nikos Manousakis** (Athens), *Who's Afraid of the Eunuch?: Dionysus' Sexual Anatomy in Aeschylus' Edonians*

11.30-12.00: **Cătălin Enache** (Vienna), *Incestuous Desire in Platon*

12.15-13.00: Lunch Break



13.30-14.15: **Keynote II:**

Gabriel Alexandre Fernandes Da Silva (Lisbon), *Animals and Sexuality in Pliny and the Plinian Tradition*

14.15-14.30: Response by **Anthony Corbeill** (Virginia)

14.30-14.45: Discussion

14.45-15.15: Coffee Break

Session 1b:

Practicing Sex

(chair: **Pavlos Avlamis**, KCL)

15.15-15.45: **Effrosyni Tsakou** (Lille), *The Body as Canvas: Paraphilias in Ancient Greek Love Letters*

15.45-16.15: **Oroel Marcuello Gil** (Zaragoza), *Games of Shepherds. Interpreting Incestuous Homosexual Rape in Daphnis and Chloe 3.9: Harpagnós, Rite of Passage or Intertextual Play?*

16.15-16.30: Discussion

Session 2:

Invective and Shaming

(chair: **Flavia Vasconcellos Amaral**, Winnipeg)

16.30-17.00: **Margot Neger** (Cyprus), *Versus Intemperantissimi: Erotic Poetry and Sexual Morality in Ancient Lawsuits*

17.00-17.30: **Jean Coert** (Dresden), *Shaming Sexual Deviance with Attic Eloquence*

17.30-17.45 Discussion

Drinks reception and buffet dinner (delegates only)

Friday
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9.00-9.45: **Keynote III:**

Antoine Pietrobelli (Besançon), *Galen and Aphrodisia*

9.45-10.00: Response by **Rebecca Langlands** (Exeter)

10.00-10.15: Discussion

10.15-10.45: Coffee Break

Session 3a:

Sex and Medicine

(chair: **Antoine Pietrobelli**, Besançon)

10.45-11.15: **Lorenzo Ronchini** (Padova), *Οἰκειότης and ἦθος as Coordinates of Sexuality in Galen*

11.15-11.45: **Justo Hernández** (La Laguna), *The Sexual Hygiene within Galenism: Tractado Del Uso de las Mugerres (1572) by Francisco Núñez De Coria*

11.45-12.00: Discussion

12.00-12.45: Lunch Break

Session 3b:

Sex and Medicine

(chair: **Jean-Christophe Courtil**, Toulouse/ IUF)

12.45-13.15: **Victoria Recio Muñoz, Ana Isabel Martín Ferreira** (Valladolid): *Hymen: From Literature to Medicine (Lexical and Literary Aspects)*

13.15-13.45: **Bénédicte Delignon** (Paris-Nanterre), *Semen and Sexuality: The Lucretian Rereading of Hippocrates and its Influence on some Latin Poets*

13.45-14.00: Discussion

14.00-14.45: **Keynote IV:**

Jean-Christophe Courtil (Toulouse), *Veneral Diseases in Antiquity? New Perspectives*

14.45-15.00: Response by **Katharina Lorenz** (Giessen)

15.00-15.15: Discussion

15.15-15.45: Coffee break

Session 4:

Historiography and Sexuality

(chair: **Martin Dinter**, KCL)

15.45-16.15: **Gilson Charles dos Santos** (Brasília), *A Reflection on Male Homosexual Relationships in Latin Historiography and Rhetoric: The Cases of Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony and Seianus*

16.15-16.45: **Darja Šterbenc Erker** (HU-Berlin), *Suetonius on Augustus' Harnessing of the Sexual Lives of the Roman Elite*

16.45-17.00: Discussion

Free evening (Museums are open until 22:00)