

Finding the Present in the Distant Past: The Cultural Meaning of Antiquarianism in Late Antiquity

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Thursday 19 May

Morning

9.00 Registration

9.40 Welcome (P. Van Nuffelen, Universiteit Gent)

First session: Theoretical Approaches to Antiquarianism

10.20 D. MacRae (University of Cincinnati), *Late Antique Roman Antiquarianism: History of Silence or the Silence of History?*

11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.40 M. Formisano (Universiteit Gent), *Anachronicity and Antiquarianism* (prov. title)

12.20 - 12.50 general discussion

12.50 - 14.00 **Lunch**

Afternoon

Second Session: Antiquarianism in the West

14.00 J.W. Drijvers (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen), *Antiquarianism in Ammian* (prov. title)

14.40 C. Ando (University of Chicago), *Antiquarianism, historicism and presentism in late Roman law*

15.20 **Coffee break**

Third Session: Antiquarianism and Teaching

16.00 R. Schwitler (Universität Zürich), *Antiquarian Writing in Scholia on Vergil: Historicizing Ancient Rome in the Post-Imperial Era*

16.40 F. Foster (University of Cambridge), *Servius and Antiquarianism in the Classroom*

17.20 final remarks

18.00 end

Friday 20 May

Morning

First Session: Antiquarianism in the East

9.00 L. Focanti (Universiteit Gent), *Playing with the Past. The Patria and the Greek Cities in Late Antique Roman Empire*

9.40 E. Fassa (Open University of Cyprus), *Antiquitates Aegyptiacae et Antiquitates Romanae in late antique Alexandria: urban intellectuals, the past and the politics of nostalgia*

10.20 R. Praet (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen), *Antiquarianism in the sixth century AD: Easing The shift from Rome to Constantinople.*

11.00 Coffee Break

11.40 S. Anghel (Georg-August-Universität Göttingen), *Plato's Garden. Neoplatonic Antiquarianism in Late Antique Athens.*

12.20 – 12.50 general discussion

12.50 - 14.00 **Lunch**

Afternoon

14.00 S. Schorn (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven), ?

14.40 M. Agnosini (Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa), *Some Constantinopolitan antiquities and ancient Roman festivals in John Lydus' De mensibus*

15.20 Coffee break

16.00 R. Flower (University of Exeter), *Antiquarianism and encyclopaedism in Epiphanius of Salamis*

16.40 G. Traina (Université Paris-Sorbonne), *Late Antique Perspectives on the East* (prov. title)

17.20 final remarks

18.00 end

Saturday 21 May

Morning

First Session: Antiquarianism in Byzantium

9.00 B. Bleckmann (Universität Düsseldorf), *Triumph in John of Antioch* (prov. title)

9.40 G. B. Greatrex (University of Ottawa), *Antiquarians, modernisers and historiography in sixth-century Constantinople*

10.20 P. De Cicco (Université de Nantes), *Fictive Past and Modern Propaganda: The Reverse of a Biblical Archaologia in the Age of the 'Heraclid' Anastasius*

11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.40 P. Manafis – R. Praet (Universiteit Gent – Rijksuniversiteit Groningen), *Approaches to the past in Byzantium: byzantine Antiquarianism?*

12.20 Conclusions

13.00-14.00 **Lunch**