

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP TECHNICAL ARTS IN IMPERIAL LATIN LITERARY TEXTS



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This workshop will focus on the language of technical arts found in Latin literary texts by taking a close look at three disciplines: medicine, law and astronomy. This workshop provides an excellent opportunity for advancing our understanding of how technical language functions within literary texts, with the aim to bridge gaps between disciplines and foster an interdisciplinary approach to the study of Latin literature.

MONDAY, MAY 12

PART 1 ANCIENT MEDICINE

15:00–15:30

Welcome Greetings and Introduction
to the Workshop

15:30–16:15

Gabriel da Silva

(University of Lisboa)

Vergil and the Beehive: A Tradition of Welfare
in Georgics 4

16:15–17:00

Allegra Hahn

(University of Manchester)

Ethics and Dietetics: The Vocabulary of Eating
and Drinking in Neronian Literature

17:00–17:30

Discussion

Break

18:00–19:30

Keynote lecture by Chiara Thumiger

(Christian Albrechts Universität zu Kiel)

Hyperbolic Accumulation, Microscopic Detail,
and the „Why?“. Medical Elements and Poetic
Effect in Some Examples from Latin Poetry

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TUESDAY, MAY 13

PART 2 ANCIENT ASTRONOMY

9:00–9:45

Elisabetta Gamba

(Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Under the Moonlight. Lunar Eclipse and
Tragic Failure in Seneca's Phaedra

9:45–10:30

Matteo Rossetti

(Sapienza Università di Roma)

The Poetry of Figures: Astrology and
Geometry in Manilius' Astronomica

10:30–11:00

Discussion

Break

PART 3 ANCIENT LAW

11:30–12:15

Laura Donati

(University of Liverpool)

Legal Language in Pliny's Letters

12:15–13:00

Pablo Rojas

(University of Edinburgh)

Cassius Longinus, Roman Jurist:
a Law and Literature Perspective

13:00–13:30

Discussion

13:30–14:00

Concluding remarks