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From Athens to Rome, from Polis to Sophistopolis:

The World of Declamations



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM



DAY 1 - THURSDAY, 22 OCTOBER 2026

09:00 - 09:30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09:30 - 09:45 Greetings / Opening Remarks

- **Sophia Papaioannou**
(Vice Rector for Academic Affairs, International Relations and Extroversion, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
- **Theodora Antonopoulou**
(Head of the Faculty of Philology, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
- **Sophia Georgakopoulou**
(Director of the Classics Department, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

PANEL I

The Family Before the Law: Authority, Kinship, and Legal Identity in Greek and Roman Declamation

Chair: BÉ BREIJ

09:45 - 11:45

- **MIKE EDWARDS**
(Royal Holloway, University of London)
Adultery by the Textbook: Past and Present in Libanius, Declamations 38 and 39
- **GRAZIANNA BRESCIA**
(Università di Bari "Aldo Moro")
Family, Law, and Emotion in the Pseudo-Quintilian's Declamationes minores
- **MIKAEL JOHANSSON**
(University of Gothenburg)
Can a Father Unmake a Son? Paternal Authority and Kinship in Greek Declamations
- **NEPHÉLI PAPAKONSTANTINOY**
(National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
Iudicium pendet ex lege adfectionis (Quint. inst. 7.1.15): Disobedience, Duty, and 'Legal Parenthood' in Roman Forensic Rhetoric of the High Empire

11:45 - 12:00 Coffee Break

PANEL II

Citizenship, Rights, and Civic Justice in Greek and Roman Declamation

Chair: MANFRED KRAUS

12:00 - 14:00

- **FRANCESCO BERARDI**
(University "G. d'Annunzio", Chieti-Pescara)
Citizenship and Human Rights in Greek Declamation
- **GIOVANNI MARGIOTTA**
(University "G. d'Annunzio", Chieti-Pescara)
Citizenship and Human Rights in Roman Declamation
- **CHIARA TELES**
(Universität Innsbruck)
Denouncing Oneself to Die or to Live? The Prosangelia Dossier in Libanius and the Rhetorical Schools
- **BIAGIO SANTORELLI**
(University of Genoa)
Please let me die – or rather, don't. Prosangelia in Latin Declamation

14:00 - 16:00 Lunch Break

PANEL III

The Rhetoric of Power: Wealth, Magic, and Social Conflict in Greek and Roman Declamation

Chair: MIKE EDWARDS

16:00 - 18:00

- **CHARLENE MARTINS MIOTTI, ANA CLARA VIZEU**
(Universidade Federal de Juiz de Fora, Brazil; King's College London)
Might makes right? Rich and Poor Men in Ancient Declamations
- **GRAMMATIKI KARLA**
(National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
The Rhetorical Construction of Social Polarities: Rich and Poor in Libanius' Declamations 15–18
- **JULIE DAINVILLE**
(E.R.S.-FNRS/Université libre de Bruxelles)
Practices and Actors of Sorcery in Greek Declamation
- **BENOÎT SANS**
(Université Rennes 2)
Magical Practices and Rhetorical Strategies in Latin Declamation

DAY 2 - FRIDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2026

PANEL IV

Virtue, Exemplarity, and Moral Values in Greek and Roman Declamation

Chair: BIAGIO SANTORELLI

10:00 - 11:30

- **JOHANN GOECKEN**
(Université de Strasbourg)
Greek Declamation in a Roman Context: an Interpretation of Philostratus' Lives of the Sophists
- **ANDREA BALBO**
(Università di Torino)
Philosophy and (Im)pietas
- **MICHAEL TRAPP**
(King's College London)
The Problem of Prominence: Thinking through the Greek aristus

11:30 - 11:45 Coffee Break

PANEL V

Authority, Gender, and Social Difference in Greek and Roman Declamation

Chair: GRAMMATIKI KARLA

11:45 - 13:45

- **AMPHILOCHIOS PAPATHOMAS**
(National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
The Prefect of Egypt in Sophistopolis? The Prefect's Judgements in Philammon (4th c. AD) and their Similarities to Contemporary Declamations
- **ALFREDO CASAMENTO**
(University of Palermo)
Aestime qualis sit sciet divae: Vulnerable Bodies and the Rhetoric of Marginality in the Controversiae of Seneca the Elder
- **MANFRED KRAUS**
(University of Tübingen)
Sophistopolitan Women in Greek Declamation
- **BÉ BREIJ**
(Radboud University)
Sophistopolitan Women in Roman Declamation

13:45 - 15:00 Lunch Break

PANEL VI

Law, Justice, and Political Thought in Declamation

Chair: MARTIN DINTER

15:00 - 16:00

- **VASILIS LENTAKIS**
(National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
Killing the Adulterers: a Rhetorical Analysis of Sopatros, Diairesis Zetematou, case 19
- **CATHERINE SCHNEIDER**
(Université de Strasbourg)
Thinking Tyranny in the Excerpta of Calpurnius Flaccus: The Sententia as a Laboratory of Thought

16:00 General Discussion and Concluding Remarks

16:30 Closing of the Conference