

Keeping it in the Family? Exploring familial tension and rupture in the ancient & early-medieval Mediterranean (PG and ECR Conference)
24-25th April 2019, University of Reading - London Road Campus
Conference Programme

Day 1 (Wednesday 24th April)

10.00-11.00: **Registration**

11.00-12.30: **First session**

Taboos within the Family Structure (chair: Andreas Gavrielatos)

Olive, Peter (Royal Holloway University of London): *Re-centring debate about the Danaïds' plea in Aeschylus' Supplices.*

Watson, Joe (Durham University): *Inscribing Incest: Byblis' Love Letter to Caunus and Ovid's Fear of Taboo in Metamorphoses 9.*

Kirsch, Stephanie (University of Bonn): *Taboo to topic? – Small scale violence against children and disciplina in the Roman family from the 2nd century BCE till 2nd century CE.*

12.30-13.20: Lunch break

13.20-15.10: First keynote speech & response

Kate Cooper (RHUL): *When Fathers Fail: Gender, cultural change and family dynamics in late antiquity*

Response: Christa Gray (Reading)

(including 14.20-14.40 coffee & cake pause)

15.20-16.50: **Second session**

Interfamilial Conflict, Succession and Inheritance (chair: Rebecca Rusk)

Paprocki, Maciej (Universität München): *Apollo, Kronos' avenger? Divine intergenerational conflicts in light of 'Kronos' curse'.*

Martorana, Simona (Durham University): *Telemachus, Penelope's puer: (de-) legitimization, precarious masculinity and familial liminality in Ovid's Heroides 1.*

Shields, Katharine (University College of London): *“Do not kill anyone of [your] family, it is not good.” Succession, inheritance, and legal language in the Proclamation of Telipinu.*

16.50-17.15: Coffee Break

17.15-19.05: Second keynote speech & response

Edith Hall (KCL): *Are house slaves family? Seeking Illumination from Artemidorus' Interpretation of Dreams*

Response: Emma Aston (Reading)

(including 18.15-18.35 wine & nibbles pause)

19.05-20.00 **Continued wine reception and poster session.**

20.00: **Dinner**

Day 2 (Thursday 25th April)

09.00-10.30: **Third session**

Family on the Edge: Perceptions and Pressure of Family Image (chair: tbd.)

Kostecka, Katarzyna (University of Warsaw): *Dealing with family failure – unsuccessful kin in the Epinician Odes of Pindar.*

Sandon, Tatjana (University of Edinburgh): *Concubina mea amantissima. The role of concubinae in Roman family and society in light of the epigraphic evidence.*

Morassi, Davide (University of Oxford): *Tough love: fatherhood as a metaphor for political and military leadership.*

10.30-11.00: Coffee Break

11.00-12.30: **Fourth session**

Wives and Mothers: Expectations and Challenges (chair: tbd.)

Golay, Charlotte (University of Lausanne): *Reproductive expectations: Fear and tension around the production of children within the Hellenistic couple.*

Thoma, Marianna (University of Athens): *Women and intergenerational conflict in Greco-Roman family: “If she spends another month with me like this, I will throw myself into the sea.” I (P.Petaus 29,8-10).*

Patzelt, Maik (University of Sheffield): *The aftermath of familial rupture: constructing and contesting the widow’s identity in late antiquity.*

12.30-13.30: Lunch Break

13.30-15.00: **Fifth session** (chair: tbd.)

(Re-)Constructing Families

Clarke, Anactoria (King's College London): *Mantic lineage: Constructing hereditary transmission of prophetic skills.*

De Luca, Gaia (École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris; Università Orientale, Naples): *Conflicting citizenship within the family: a Rhodian example.*

15.00-16.30: Roundtable Chair: Barbara Goff (Reading)

Title: tbd.

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