

'Eschatology and Apocalypse in Graeco-Roman literature'
Craven Seminar, G.21 Faculty of Classics, University of Cambridge
1-3 June 2017

THURSDAY, June 1

2:00-2:15 Welcome/introduction [Richard Hunter/Helen Van Noorden]

FOCUS 1 – Political eschatologies

Chair: Richard Hunter

2:15-3:15 Richard Seaford (Exeter) *Eschatology and the polis: the Homeric Hymn to Demeter, Aeschylus, and Aristophanes*

3:15-4:15 Helen Van Noorden (Cambridge) *Sibylline apocalypse(s)*

4:15-4:45 Coffee

Chair: Tim Whitmarsh/Richard Hunter

4:45-5:45 Stephen Oakley (Cambridge) *The Tiburtine Sibyl*

Chair: Helen Van Noorden

5:45-6:30 Junior scholars' presentations:

Jonathan Griffiths (Heidelberg) *kosmos agêrôs kai anosos: The Indestructibility of the World in Plato's Timaeus*

Dominic Bärsch (Mainz) *To pray or not to pray for the End - Tertullian's Statements about the End of the World*

6:30 Reception in Cast Gallery (attendance must be registered in advance)

FRIDAY, June 2

FOCUS 2 – Roman prophets and world history

Chair: Philip Hardie

9:00-10:00 Katharina Volk (Columbia) *Not the End of the World? Omens and Prophecies at the Fall of the Roman Republic*

10:00-11:00 Alessandro Schiesaro (Manchester) *Virgil's underworld between Lucretius and Freud*

11:00-11:30 Coffee

Chair: Helen Van Noorden

11:30-12:30 Elena Giusti (Cambridge) *The End is the Beginning is the End: Apocalyptic Beginnings in Augustan Poetry*

12:30-2:00 LUNCH BREAK

FOCUS 3 – Revelations of individual and universal destiny

Chair: Gábor Betegh

2:00-3:00 Christoph Riedweg (Zurich) *Pythagorean ideas about the afterlife*

3:00-4:00 Alex Long (St Andrews) *Platonic myths, the soul and its intra-cosmic future*

4:00-4:30 Coffee

Chair: Emily Gowers

4:30-5:30 Francesca Romana Berno (La Sapienza) *Apocalypse is everyday.*

Lucretius, Nero, and the End of the World in Seneca

5:30-6:30 Katharine Earnshaw (Exeter) *Lucanian eschatology: from bones to the stars*

8:00 Conference dinner, local restaurant (£35, must be booked in advance)

SATURDAY, June 3

FOCUS 4 – Influence on Christian thought

Chair: Richard Hunter

10:00-11:00 Catherine Pickstock (Cambridge) *Christian apocalypse as a version of Platonic philosophy*

11:00-11:30 Coffee

11:30-12:30 Rebecca Lämmle (Cambridge) *Last Laughs*

12:30-1:00 Discussion