

Between Myth and History: A Workshop on Dionysius of Halicarnassus

Saturday 11 March 2017

The Medieval and Ancient Research Centre at the University of Sheffield will host a workshop on the Augustan historian and rhetorician Dionysius of Halicarnassus, with the generous support of the Institute of Classical Studies.

The aim of the workshop is to discuss the way in which Dionysius of Halicarnassus wrote about myths and how he conceptualised the distinction between myth and history. This will be achieved by analysing Dionysius' writings using different categories, such as aetiology, narrative elaboration, rationality, the marvellous, religion, and memory. The speakers will look at the ways in which these distinctions were constructed, and will consider Dionysius' historiographical methods.

Programme

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| 10.10 | Coffee |
| 10.30-10.40 | Welcome and introduction (Prof Tim Cornell, University of Manchester) |
| 10.40-11.30 | Dr Daniele Miano (University of Sheffield), Dionysius, Theopompus, and the Drunken Silenus |
| 11.30-12.20 | Dr Clemence Schultze (University of Durham), Dionysius' Aeneas: soldier and seer |
| 12.20-13.30 | Lunch break |
| 13.30-14.20 | Dr Alberto Dalla Rosa (Université Bordeaux Montaigne, Ausonius), Dionysius and Augural Law: Greek Understanding of a Roman Practice |
| 14.20-15.10 | Prof Stephen Oakley (Emmanuel College, University of Cambridge), Speeches in the <i>Antiquitates Romanae</i> |
| 15.10-15.30 | Tea |
| 15.30-16.15 | Roundtable discussion (chair: Prof Tim Cornell) |

Practical information

The event will take place at the Humanities Research Institute, Upper Hanover St, Sheffield S3 7QY. No registration is necessary, but if you plan to attend please send an email to d.miano@sheffield.ac.uk so that we can have an idea of numbers for tea and coffee.