

**Classical Association of Scotland Annual Conference**, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2013, School of History, Classics and Archaeology, University of Edinburgh

**The Hellenistic and Early Imperial Reception of Classical Athenian Democracy and Political Thought**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

11-11.30am: Introduction, M. Canevaro and B. Gray

11.30am – 1pm: Classical Athens in early Hellenistic politics and culture

Shane Wallace (Trinity College Dublin) – Remembering Alexander in early Hellenistic Athens.

Mirko Canevaro (Edinburgh) – Athens in early rhetorical education: Egyptian *rhetoires* and Athenian imagination.

1-2pm: lunch

2-3.30pm: Classical Athens and democracy in Hellenistic historiography

Nicolas Wiater (St. Andrews) – Athenian democracy in Polybius.

John Holton (Edinburgh) – *Philanthropia* and democracy in Diodorus Siculus.

3.30-4pm: tea break.

4-5.30pm: Classical Athenian political thought in Hellenistic and Roman philosophy

Alex Long (St. Andrews) - Plato, the Epicureans and Stoics on contemporary society.

Cas Valachova (Edinburgh) – Roman Epicureanism and the *vulgus*.

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Morning: Democracy and civic ideals in the Hellenistic polis

10-10.45am:

Luca Asmonti (Queensland) – Euergetism, reciprocity and democracy in Hellenistic Athens

10.45-11am: coffee break.

11am-12.30pm: Developments and debates in the later Hellenistic and Roman polis

Paraskevi Martzavou (Oxford) - Complexity and simplification in late Hellenistic and Roman Athens.

Benjamin Gray (Edinburgh) - A later Hellenistic debate about the value of Classical Athenian civic ideals? The evidence of epigraphy, historiography and philosophy

12.30pm-1.30pm: lunch.

Afternoon: Plutarch and Athenian democracy

1.30-3.15pm:

Raphaëla Dubreuil (Edinburgh) – The dramatic end of Athenian democracy in Plutarch's *Phocion* and *Demetrius*.

Devin Oliver (Edinburgh) – Military leadership in Plutarch's fifth-century Athenian lives

3.15-3.30: tea break.

3.30-4.15, concluding lecture: Andrew Erskine (Edinburgh) – Plutarch and the democratic life.