

Classical Association of Scotland Annual Conference, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd 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 21st 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 22nd 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.