

Approaches to Ancient Medicine
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University of Exeter
22 – 23 August, 2011

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

DAY 1: Monday 22nd August 2011

12.00 – 13.00	Buffet lunch and registration Xfi Centre, Streatham Campus
	Conference Presentations: Xfi Lecture Theatre
Session 1	<u>Hippocrates</u>
13.00 – 13.30	Chair: John Wilkins Andreas Serafim (University College, London) <i>Stasis as disease in the human body and the body politic.</i>
13.30 – 14.00	Chiara Thumiger (von Humboldt University) <i>Some remarks on mental insanity in the medical texts.</i>
14.00 – 14.30	Roberto Lo Presti (von Humboldt University) <i>“For sleep is a kind of epilepsy” (Somn. Vig.3, 457a1-14): Aristotle, the Aristotelians, and the medical background of a controversial definition.</i>
14.30 – 14.45	Short break
Session 2	<u>Galen: Texts and Narratives</u>
14.45 – 15.15	Chair: John Wilkins Brooke Holmes (Princeton University) <i>The Sympathetic Cosmos and the Purposeful Body in Galen’s On Natural Faculties.</i>
15.15 – 15.45	Daniel King (Merton College, Oxford) <i>The Narrative Structure of Medical Knowledge: Galen, the language of pain, and diagnosis in ancient medicine.</i>
15.45 – 16.15	Caroline Petit (Institute of Classical Studies, University of London) <i>Galen’s style: the problem of authenticity in the Galenic corpus.</i>
16.15 – 16.45	Tea and Coffee, served in Xfi Conference Room

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Session 3

Classical Athens

Chair: Brooke Holmes

16.45 – 17.15

Niels Hermansson (University of Edinburgh)

'Plato's Double Method In Rational Medicine: elements, movements and how to live well'.

17.15 – 17.45

Aileen Das (University of Warwick)

Plato and Galen on the "Ensouled" Plant: Plat.Tim. 3.2.

Session 4

Early Modern

Chair: Brooke Holmes

17.45 – 18.15

Helen King (The Open University)

The early modern Phaethousa: transformations of a Hippocratic case history.

18.15 – 18.45

Lisa Jarman (University of Exeter)

Changing attitudes to Galen: the role of ancient authority in early modern surgery.

EVENING

19.30

Conference Dinner in Holland Hall

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DAY 2: Tuesday 23rd August 2011

Session 5	<u>Under the Empire</u>
	Chair: Chris Gill
09.30 – 10.00	David Leith (Jesus College, Cambridge) <i>'Pliny the Elder on Asclepiades.'</i>
10.00 – 10.30	Georgia Petridou (von Humboldt University) <i>Medicine as a Mysterium? Exploring the esoteric nature of Asklepios' medicinal philosophy and experience in Aelius Aristeides' Hieroi Logoi.</i>
10.30 – 11.00	Lindsay Penner (University of Calgary) <i>My Name is Doctor Asclepiades: Medical Workers in Latin Inscriptions.</i>
11.00 – 11.30	Tea and Coffee, served in Xfi Conference Room
Session 6	<u>Late Antiquity</u>
	Chair: Chris Gill
11.30 – 12.00	Olga Jarman (St. Petersburg, The State Pediatric Academy) <i>Ancient Physicians as 'earthly gods' in Medieval Byzantine poetry.</i>
12.00 – 12.30	Caroline Macé (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven) <i>Knowledge of medicine in Greek Christian Questions-and-Answers literature.</i>
12.30 – 13.00	Matteo Martelli (von Humboldt University) <i>The Syriac tradition of Galen's On Simple Drugs, 9th book.</i>
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch - served in Xfi Conference Room
14.30	Departure

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