

Symmachus: Power, Religion and Aesthetics in Late Antiquity

Programme

Wednesday, October 2

- 17.30–18.00 **Welcome and Introduction**
18.00–19.00 **Opening Reception**
19.00 **Dinner**

Thursday, October 3

Section 1: The Last Pagan?

Chair: John Weisweiler (Munich)

- 9.30–10.30 **Quintus Aurelius Symmachus, between Bishop Ambrose and Praetorian Prefect Flavius Mallius Theodorus**
Rita Lizzi (Perugia)
10.30–11.00 **Coffee Break**
11.00–12.00 **Writing to Office-Holders**
Gavin Kelly (Edinburgh)
12.00–14.00 **Lunch Break**

Section 2: Symmachus and Late-Antique Literature

Chair: Andreas Abele (Tübingen)

- 14.00–15.00 **The Letter Collection of Symmachus in a Late Antique Context: Some Metrics**
Roy Gibson (Durham)
15.00–16.00 **Symmachus commendator. Formularity and Self-Representation**
Sara Fascione (Naples)
16.00–16.30 **Coffee Break**
16.30–17.30 **The Gherardesca diptych: A Gift of Symmachus for Valentinian II?**
Fabio Guidetti (Pisa)
19.00 **Dinner**



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Friday, October 4

Section 3: Symmachus' Correspondence as a Collection

Chair: Therese Fuhrer (Munich)

- 9.30–10.30 **From Dawn till Eternity: Beginning and Closure in Symmachus' Letter Collection**
Andreas Abele (Tübingen)
10.30–11.00 **Coffee Break**
11.00–12.00 **Conventions of Naming in Symmachus**
George Woudhuysen (Nottingham)
12.00–14.00 **Lunch Break**
14.00–15.00 **Passing the Baton? Symmachus, his Son, and the Seventh Book of the *epistulae***
Katharina Blaas (Tübingen)

Section 4: Symmachus and Late-Antique Society

Chair: Seraina Ruprecht (Bern)

- 15.00–16.00 **Women and Wealth: The Letters and State Papers of Symmachus**
Michele Renee Salzman (Riverside)
16.00–16.30 **Coffee Break**
16.30–17.30 **Morbus fabricatoris: Architecture and Cultural Identity in Symmachus' Letter Collection**
Federico Lizzani (Rome)
19.00 **Dinner**

Saturday, October 5

Section 4 (continued)

Chair: Seraina Ruprecht (Bern)

- 9.30–10.30 **Symmachus: Globalist**
John Weisweiler (Munich)
10.30–11.30 **Seeck, Mommsen und Symmachus. Eine Ménage-à-trois**
Stefan Rebenich (Bern)
11.30–12.00 **Concluding Discussions**