

**International Colloquium**  
**Intratextuality and Intertextuality in Seneca's *Naturales Quaestiones***

28-29 March 2025

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**Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

9.00-9.30: Registration

9.30-10.00: Welcome remarks

10.00-11.00: **Session 1**

Chair: Sophia Papaioannou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

10.00-10.30: **Daniel Markovich (University of Cincinnati):**

“The form of thesis and Seneca’s *Naturales quaestiones*.”

10.30-11.00: **Barnaby Taylor (University of Oxford):**

“Senecan humour and humility”

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-12.30: **Session 2**

Chair: Philip Mitsis (New York University)

11.30-12.00: **Elena Giusti (University of Cambridge):**

“Seneca’s Aethiopia and the Empire’s Last Threshold.”

12.00-12.30: **Margaret Graver (Dartmouth College):**

“Once again, why physics? Figures of the βίος θεωρητικός in the *Quaestiones Naturales* and *Epistulae Morales*”.

12.30-14.30: Lunch break

14.30-15.30: **Session 3**

Chair: Vaios Vaiopoulos (Athens)

14.30-15.00: **Chiara Graf (University of Maryland):**

“Seneca’s Liquid Quotations: Reflections on Self and Other in the *Natural Questions*.”

15.00-15.30: **Catharine Edwards (University of London):**

“Beyond the Scipionic circle: Seneca, Scipio and Cicero in the *NQ*.”

15.30-16.00: Coffee break

16.00-17.00: **Session 4**

Chair: Attila Németh (Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy)

16.00-16.30: **Myrto Garani (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens):**

“Earth-shaking truths: Who are the philosophers who fall for the earthquake-free Delos?”  
(Seneca, *QNat.* 6.26)

16.30-17.00: **Christopher Trinacty (Oberlin College):**

“Imagination and Explanation: Sen. *NQ* 7.10 and Ovid *Met.* 2.70-78.”

20.30: Conference Dinner (By invitation, Kostis Palamas Building)

**Saturday, March 29th**

10.00-11.00: **Session 5**

Chair: Andreas Michalopoulos (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

10.00-10.30: **Fabio Tutrone (University of Palermo):**

“Nero, Lucretius, and Seneca’s Rainbow: On the Neronian Intertextuality of *QNat.* 1.5.6.”

10.30-11.00: **Francesca Romana Berno (La Sapienza, Rome):**

“Self-Reflections: Philosophical Use of Mirror in Seneca *NQ* 1.17 and Phaedrus 3.8.”

11.00-11.30: Coffee break

11.30-12.30: **Session 6**

Chair: Sophia Papaioannou (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

11.30-12.00: **George Prekas (University College Dublin): “God through his Myriad Stars: the Celestial and the Divine in Seneca’s *Naturales Quaestiones* and Manilius’ *Astronomica*.”**

12.00-12.30: Round table: conclusions

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