

**UNISA Classics Colloquium
Pretoria
22-24 October 2014**

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Dear Participants

This letter provides further information on the conference as available at the moment.

1. Venue and accommodation

Our original venue plans have been dragging on too long, hence we made alternative arrangements. The Village Ridge Boutique Hotel in Waterkloof, Pretoria (<http://www.villageridge.co.za/>) has offered an excellent package deal to host the conference this year. To make up for the fact that the conference itself will not be in the bush, we will take you to a game reserve on the day after the conference, i.e. the 25th.

Rooms are available in four categories (breakfast included):

Standard (2 rooms): R1100 per night
Executive (14 rooms): R1150 per night
Superior (7 rooms): R1600 per night
Suite (5 rooms): R2100 per night.

For those staying at the hotel, the conference fee is included in the accommodation package.

As the hotel has slightly fewer rooms than the envisaged number of conference participants, bookings will be dealt with on a first-come-first-serve basis. Please make your booking via email through Annick le Maitre at annick.lemaitre@villageridge.co.za. I will appreciate it very much if you could cc me (bosmapr@unisa.ac.za) in your arrangements.

The conference fee for participants not staying at the conference venue is as follows:

Full conference fee: R750
Fee per day: R250.

There are numerous other guest houses in the vicinity; you may consider the suburbs of Brooklyn, Waterkloof and Muckleneuk. Please be reminded that transport to and from the venue might pose problems.



2. Transport to and from the airport

OR Tambo International Airport is appr. 60 km from Pretoria. For those interested, we will arrange a shuttle service from the airport on the 21st of October, at no extra cost. If you arrive at a different date, the Gautrain (<http://www.gautrain.co.za/>) service to Pretoria has a bus stop 50 m from the conference venue for appr. R140 one way. Gautrain has an Apple and Android app you can download with timetables and more information.

3. Excursions

We organise a safari trip to the [Pilanesberg Game Reserve](#) on Saturday, the 25th of October. The reserve is a 2 hour drive from Pretoria and hosts the so-called 'big five'.

Approximate cost: R300 (inclusive of transport, entrance fee and lunch) in cash.

We will be leaving from the conference venue early on Saturday morning and be back at appr. 17:00, for those with Saturday evening departures from the airport.

Further information on excursions in an around Pretoria might be obtained at your hotel or guest house.

4. Dinners

There will be a light reception at the hotel on the 21st of October at 18:00, and we are planning a conference dinner on Thursday evening, the 23rd (probably at [Irene Country Lodge](#)). On the other evenings, you are on your own. The hotel has an excellent restaurant on the premises, but should you wish to get out, the Brooklyn Mall and Brooklyn Design Square, well as other restaurants, are within walking distance.

5. Participants and papers

Please check your particulars and the title of your paper in the list of accepted proposals below. We will compile the programme in the week of 13-17 October, so there is still enough time to change your title and your abstract, but please let me have the new versions.

- Ewen Bowie (Oxford), 'Marcus Aurelius, poets and sophists: friends or foes?'
- Heinz-Günther Nesselrath (Göttingen), 'Lucian on Roman officials'
- Tim Whitmarsh (Oxford/Cambridge), 'The invention of atheism: Philosophy, religion, empire'
- Balbina Bäbler (Göttingen), 'How to flatter an imperial mistress: The image of Panthea in Lucian's *Imagines*'
- Lucia Athanassaki (Crete), 'How to celebrate Augustus?: The poet Horace'
- Martin Dinter (King's College London), 'Cato the Elder in the Empire'
- Richard Evans (Unisa), 'The intellectual in exile from imperial power'

- Aaron Turner (Royal Holloway), 'Intelligent design: Individualism and empire in Thucydides'
- Heiko Westphal (Western Australia), '*Imperium suum paulatim destruxit*: The concept of *moderatio* in Val. Max. 4.1'
- Johan Steenkamp (NWU), '*Manent sceleris vestigia nostri*: Original sin in the poetry at the end of the Republic'
- Sanjaya Thakur (Colorado Springs), 'The Ovidian perspective of Tiberius' principate'
- Livia Capponi (Newcastle), 'The power of knowledge: Egyptian intellectuals in the Roman empire'
- Noelle Zeiner-Carmichael (Charleston), '*Magister Domino*: Intellectual and pedagogical power in Fronto's correspondence'
- Giustina Monti (Florida State), Ovid, Augustus and the Eastern kings.
- Claude Heyman (Unisa), 'Handling power with gloves of silk & iron: Seneca's literary interfaces with Claudius and Nero'
- Mallory Monaco Caterine (Tulane University), 'Entangled imperial identities: Citizen, subject, and mentor in Plutarch's *Aratus*'
- Patrick Cook (Cambridge), 'The intellectual and the imperial body: Suetonius in context'
- John Hilton (UKZN), 'Emperors and philosophers: A comparison between Julian and the Cynics, and Hydaspes and the Gymnosophists'
- Sophie Mills (UNC Asheville), 'Thucydides: Mythbusting in the Athenian empire'
- Jeroen Lauwers (Leuven), 'Arrian of Nicomedia: Power, politics, philosophy'
- James Corke-Webster (Edinburgh), 'From fishermen to intellectuals: The transformation of authority in Eusebius of Caesarea's *Ecclesiastical History*'
- Guilia Fanti (Cambridge), '*Sidus nostro qui contigit orbi* (Manil. I. 385): Augustus as *trait d'union* between the Stoic micro- and macrocosm'
- Francesca Schironi (Michigan), 'The intellectual patronage of the Ptolemaic kings'
- Francesco Lupi (UKZN), 'Greek prose writing *περὶ φυγῆς* under the Roman Empire: literariness and consolation'
- Katarzyna Jazdzewska (Warsaw), 'Sophists and emperors in Philostratos' *Lives of Sophists*'
- Alberto Rigolio (Oxford), 'Themistius' *De virtute*: A philosopher on the stage'
- George Hendren (Miami), 'Ovid in Augustan Tomis'
- C. Chandler (UCT), 'How (not?) to talk to monarchs: the case of the Epicurean Diogenes of Seleucia'.

6. Slot and paper duration

We plan 9 papers per day in 40 minute slots. For estimating your paper length, you may work on 30 minutes talk time plus 10 minutes for changeovers and discussion.

7. Media

The conference room is equipped with a data projector and laptop.

8. Handouts

Should you wish to have your handout printed and included in the conference folder, please mail it to me before the 17th of October. Handouts should be no longer than 6 printed pages. If you bring your handout along, 50 copies should suffice. Copying during the conference, though not impossible, may be complicated.

9. Publication

We envisage a collection of articles on the conference theme. Our default option in the past has been to approach Acta Classica for an Acta Classica supplement. Should you wish to write your paper in the style probably to be followed, please refer to the Acta Classica guidelines at http://www.casa-kvsa.org.za/guide_for_contributors.htm.

10. Conference website

The colloquium website will be updated with the conference programme, abstracts and this letter as these become finalised.

From: <http://www.unisa.ac.za/Default.asp?Cmd=ViewContent&ContentID=1819>

11. Money

Currency exchanges are available at the airport or at the Brooklyn Mall. ATM's are readily available. Please check at your local bank if your card and PIN will be valid in the RSA.

12. Invoices and receipts

All payments and receipts will be dealt with by the hotel. Receipt of payment of the conference fee (whether cash or electronic) must be presented at registration.

13. Travel documents

We have in the past had a problem with a conference participant who did not properly check her passport and required travel documents. Please ensure from your travel agent whether your passport expiry date and number of blank pages are compliant with South African customs requirements.

14. Arrival and departure arrangements

Arrival arrangements will be communicated closer to the conference date.
Departure arrangements will be made during the conference.

15. After conference trips

Participants have indicated that they would be interested to team up for trips to Cape Town or the Kruger Park. If you plan something similar, you are welcome to notify me to put you in contact with other classicists.

16. Weather

October is spring in Pretoria (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pretoria>). Temperatures range between 16 – 30 degrees Celsius, with occasional afternoon thundershowers. Rain and brief cold snaps cannot be fully excluded, but nothing seriously cold.

You need not take malaria precautions for Pretoria or Pilanesberg, but it might be necessary should you wish to travel to the Lowveld (Kruger Park). To my knowledge, no prophylactics are required for a visit to South Africa.

The colloquium organisation team wishes you all the best with your preparations.