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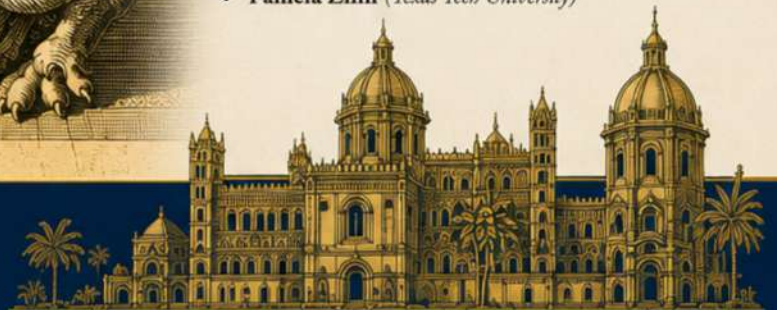
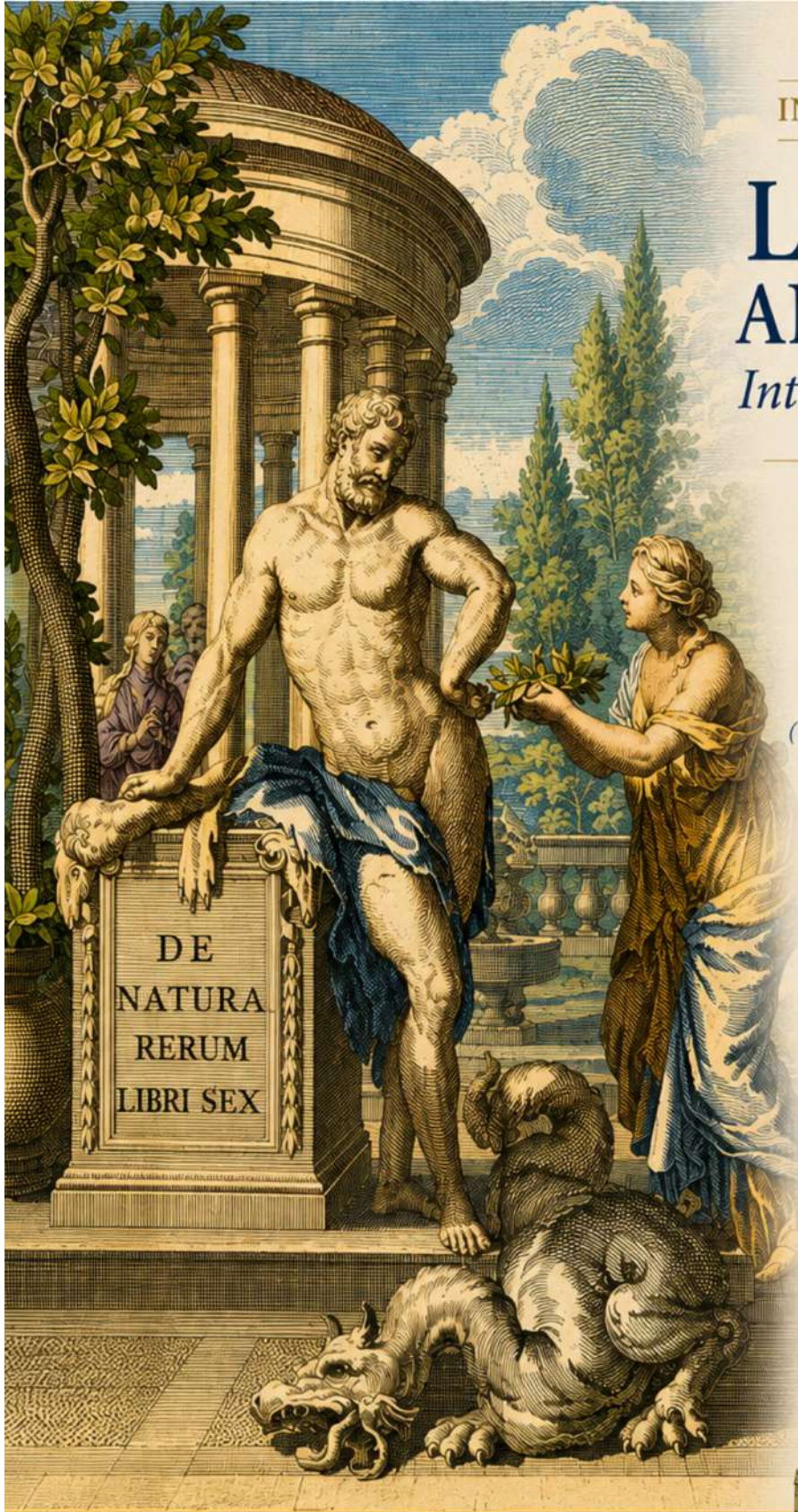
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SPEAKERS

- **Francesca Romana Berno** (*La Sapienza University of Rome*)
- **Monica Gale** (*Trinity College, Dublin*)
- **Myrto Garani** (*National and Kapodistrian University of Athens*)
- **Daniel Marcovich** (*University of Cincinnati*)
- **Pierre-Marie Morel** (*Université Paris 1 - Panthéon-Sorbonne*)
- **Donncha O'Rourke** (*University of Edinburgh*)
- **Valentina Prosperi** (*University of Sassari*)
- **Alessandro Schiesaro** (*Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa*)
- **Barnaby Taylor** (*University of Oxford*)
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PROGRAMME

Palermo, 30 September – 2 October 2026

Wednesday, 30 September

Chiesa di Sant'Antonio Abate, Palazzo Chiaramonte – Steri (ground floor)

<https://musei.unipa.it/it/chiesa-di-santantonio-abate>

Morning:

- Arrival and acclimation of speakers in Palermo

Afternoon:

- 16:00-16:30 Official Greetings and Opening Remarks
- 16:30-17:30 **The Everyday Aesthetics of *De rerum natura***
~ Barnaby Taylor, Associate Professor of Classical Languages and Literature,
University of Oxford
- 17:30-17:45 Short Break
- 17:45-18:45 **The Swallow and the Swan(s): Lucretius' Prologue to *De rerum natura* 3 Revisited**
~ Myrto Garani, Professor of Latin Literature, National and Kapodistrian
University of Athens

Evening:

- 20:00 Speaker Informal Dinner, Restaurant TBA

Thursday, 1 October

Biblioteca di Antichistica, Università di Palermo
Corpo Basso dell'Ed. 12, Viale delle Scienze

Morning:

- 9:00-9:30 Arrival of Participants
- 9:30-10:30 **Birds, Atoms and Ghosts: Lucretius' Avernian Places in Context**
~ Fabio Tutrone, Ricercatore di Filologia Greca e Latina, Università di
Palermo
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:00 **Beyond Epicurus: Lucretius in Seneca's *Epistle* 106 and the *Libri morales philosophiae***
~ Francesca Romana Berno, Professoressa Associata di Lingua e Letteratura
Latina, Università La Sapienza di Roma
- 12:00-12:15 Short Break
- 12:15-13:15 **Lucretius and the Poetics of the Timeless**
~ Daniel Markovich, Professor of Classics, University of Cincinnati

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Afternoon:

- 13:15-14:30 Speaker Luncheon (catered)
- 14:30-15:30 **Lucretius' Political Pessimism**
~ Pierre-Marie Morel, Professeur à l'Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne / Institut Universitaire de France
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:00 **Life On Loan: Lucretius *De rerum natura* 3.970–71**
~ James Warren, Professor of Ancient Philosophy, University of Cambridge
- 17:00-17:15 Short Break
- 17:15-18:15 **Lucretius and His Readership**
~ Pamela Zinn, Associate Professor of Classics, Texas Tech University

Evening:

- 20:00 Speaker 'Gala' Dinner, Restaurant TBA

Friday, 2 October

Biblioteca di Antichistica, Università di Palermo
Corpo Basso dell'Ed. 12, Viale delle Scienze

Morning:

- 9:00-9:30 Arrival of Participants
- 9:30-10:30 **Cures for Grief and Love: Philosophical *Therapeia* in Lucretius, Cicero and Catullus**
~ Monica Gale, Professor of Classics, Trinity College Dublin
- 10:30-11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-12:00 ***Aeneadum genetrix*: Troy between History and Violence in Lucretius and Catullus**
~ Valentina Prosperi, Professoressa Associata di Filologia Greca e Latina, Università di Sassari
- 12:00-12:15 Short Break
- 12:15-13:15 **Lucretius and Cicero On Thunderbolts**
~ Donncha O'Rourke, Senior Lecturer in Classics, University of Edinburgh

Afternoon:

- 13:15-14:30 Speaker Luncheon (catered)
- 14:30-15:30 **Title TBA**
~ Alessandro Schiesaro, Professore Ordinario di Lingua e Letteratura Latina, Direttore della Scuola Normale Superiore di Pisa
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:00 **Round Table Discussion (All Speakers) and Conclusions (Organisers)**

Evening: Free evening



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