

The Ancient Lives of Virgil: History and Myth, Sources and Reception
Classics Faculty, Cambridge
5-7 September 2013

All sessions will take place in Room G21, Classics Faculty

Thursday 5 September

14.00-14.30 Registration (Classics Faculty, Room G21)

14.30 Welcome: Philip Hardie (Cambridge)

14.40-15.55 First session. Chair: Stephen Harrison

Andrew Laird (Warwick) "Fashioning the Poet: Biography, pseudepigraphy and textual criticism"

Emmanuelle Raymond (Angers) "Donatus mutatus in melius? The Virgilian Lives of Philargyrius"

15.55-16.10 Tea

16.10-17.25 Second session. Chair: Philip Hardie

Stephen Harrison (Oxford) "The verse life of Phocas"

Scott McGill (Rice) "A life rewritten: Phocas and the Suetonian/Donatan Vita of Virgil"

17.30 Reception in the Museum of Classical Archaeology, Classics Faculty

Friday 6 September

9.00-11.00 Third session. Chair: Irene Peirano

Ahuvia Kahane (Royal Holloway, London) "Virgil's biography and historical patterns of epic authority - Vitae and 'Mortes'"

Geert van Reyn (Leuven) "Reading Virgil's promised Augusteide in the Aeneid and the vita Vergiliana"

Nick Ollivere (Royal Holloway, London) "'The Rock n Roll death of Virgil': destruction as creation"

11.00-11.20 Coffee

11.20-12.35 Fourth session. Chair: Hans Smolenaars

Irene Peirano (Yale) "Biography and biographical reading: Servius and the Vitae tradition"

Marco Fernandelli (Trieste) "Maro cothurnatus. The imaginary life and works of Vergil"

12.45 Lunch

14.30-15.45 Fifth session. Chair: Barbara Graziosi

Nicholas Freer (University College London) "The Sphragis to the Georgics and the Virgilian Biographical Tradition"

Hans Smolenaars (Amsterdam) "The political context of Octavian's delay in Atella and Vergil's recitation of the Georgics (VSD 27)"

15.45-16.00 Tea

16.00-17.15 Sixth session. Chair : Andrew Laird

Nora Goldschmidt (Durham) "Cameo Roles: Virgil in Ovidian Biography"

Fabio Stok (Rome, Tor Vergata) "Reception of Vita Donati in the Middle Ages"

Saturday 7 September

9.00-11.00 Seventh session. Chair: Anton Powell

Eva Anagnostou-Laoutides (Monash) "Reception of Virgilian Vitae in 15th-century Florence"

Séverine Clément-Tarantino (Lille) "Virgilian Vitae in 20th and 21st French literature and literary criticism"

Anton Powell (Swansea) "History à la carte? Philology and the exploitation of the Lives"

11.00-11.20 Coffee

11.20 Round-table discussion