

**Lucretius in Theory:  
literary-critical approaches to the *De Rerum Natura***

University of Edinburgh  
*School of History, Classics and Archaeology*

30 Sept. & 1 Oct. 2013

This conference brings together leading scholars from the UK, Europe, and the US to explore and develop approaches to the interpretation of Lucretius' *De Rerum Natura*. Recent reception-criticism has suggested that 'modernity' owes much to Lucretius; a central concern of this conference will be the extent to which the *DRN* is, accordingly, a suitable text to which to apply contemporary interpretative practices. The conference will consider, in particular, the value and/or limitations of modern critical theory alongside more traditional approaches. Papers will encompass a wide range of philological, literary-critical, and philosophical methodologies, and the boundaries and complementarities between these will be explored.

*Confirmed participants include:*

Elizabeth Asmis (Chicago), David Butterfield (Cambridge), Gordon Campbell (Maynooth), Joseph Farrell (Penn), Monica Gale (TCD), Emma Gee (St. Andrews), Nora Goldschmidt (Durham), Duncan Kennedy (Bristol), Fiachra Mac Góráin (UCL), Andrew Morrison (Manchester), Damien Nelis (Geneva), Jason Nethercut (Knox), Donncha O'Rourke (Edinburgh), Alessandro Schiesaro (La Sapienza), Wilson Shearin (Miami), Barney Taylor (Oxford), Simon Trépanier (Edinburgh)

A conference registration-fee of £20 (£10 for graduate students) applies. As space is limited, please book early to avoid disappointment. For further details, and for booking, please visit the [conference website](#).

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**Bursaries**

Graduate students interested to attend the conference are invited to apply for bursaries valued at up to £80 each. These bursaries have been made available by the Classical Association, and can be used to subvent the costs of registration, accommodation and subsistence (but not travel).

To apply for a bursary, please email

(a) a statement of not more than 400 words describing your research and how this conference is relevant to it

(b) details of any other sources of subvention available, applied for, or secured to [donncha.orourke@ed.ac.uk](mailto:donncha.orourke@ed.ac.uk) on or before 1 September 2013.

Please note:

1. Successful applicants will be notified by email by 6 September 2013. The decision of the committee is final.
2. Those who have already registered for the conference, as well as those who have not yet done so, are eligible to apply for a bursary.
3. Subvention will be disbursed retrospectively, upon presentation of receipts.

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