



Cyprus: a place and *topos* in ancient literature

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School of Philosophy
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PROGRAMME

Friday 21 September 2018

8.45 – 9.00 **Registration**

9.00 – 9.30 **Welcome addresses**

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9.30 **Introduction**

Chair: **Grammatiki Karla** (University of Athens)

Andreas Voskos (University of Athens)

*Ἡ ἀρχαία Κύπρος: σύντομη εἰσαγωγικὴ θεώρηση (μὲ ἔμφαση
στὴν Ἀρχαία Κυπριακὴ Γραμματεία) / Ancient Cyprus: a
brief theoretical overview (with special reference to Ancient
Cypriot Literature)*

10.00 – 11.10 **Session 1: Archaic poetry and Cyprus (I)**

Chair: **Patrick Finglass** (University of Bristol)

Adrian Kelly (University of Oxford)

Cyprias and the “Cypria”

Lyndsay Coo (University of Bristol)

The “Cypria”: something to do with Cyprus?

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.15 **Session 2: Archaic poetry and Cyprus (II)**
Chair: **Katerina Carvounis** (University of Athens)

Ellen Greene (University of Oklahoma)
Sappho and Kypris: the paradoxes of passion

Marcela Alejandra Ristorto / Silvia Susana Reyes
(Centro de Estudios Helénicos – Universidad Nacional de Rosario)
Reflecting upon Cyprus as a sacred place in the “Homeric Hymn VI”

Dimitrios Stamatis (Independent Scholar)
Salamis: a sacred place and a necropolis

Lunch break

15.00 – 16.10 **Session 3: Heroes of Cyprus and classical literature**
Chair: **Michael Paschalis** (University of Crete)

Patrick Finglass (University of Bristol)
Cyprus and the heroes of Athens

Andreas Gavrielatos (University of Reading)
Romanising a Cypriot hero: the reception of Teucer in Latin literature

Coffee break

16.30 – 17.40 **Session 4: Cyprus and material culture**
Chair: **Sophia Papaioannou** (University of Athens)

Amphilochios Papathomas (University of Athens)
Cyprus and Cypriots in the Greek documentary papyri and inscriptions

Fritz Mitthof (University of Vienna)
Imagined sacral landscape? The cult of Apollo Hylates in the literary sources

19.30 **Dinner**

Saturday 22 September 2018

9.15 – 11.00 **Session 5: Cyprus and Greek Literature of the Imperial period**

Chair: **Dimitrios Karadimas** (University of Athens)

William Hutton (College of William & Mary)
Geographies of Cyprus in Imperial Greek Literature

Ioanna Papadopoulou (University of Thrace)
τί δὲ δεῖ τῶν ποιητῶν θαυμάζειν... (Str. 14.6.4): Strabo's "reinstatement" of the "Cyprian Geography"

Chrysanthos Chrysanthou (University of Heidelberg)
Plutarch and Cyprus

Coffee break

11.30 – 12.40 **Session 6: Cypris and Cyprus**

Chair: **Andreas Michalopoulos** (University of Athens)

Emilia Savva (University of Oxford)
Ovid's "Venus amata", or searching for (the real) Venus in Cyprus

Michael Paschalis (University of Crete)
In the footsteps of Cypris

Lunch break

14.00 – 14.35 **Poster presentations**

Coordinator: **Andreas Gavrielatos** (University of Reading)

Christodoulos Apergis (University of Athens)
Immolating the beloved child: the sacrifice of Iphigeneia in the "Cypria" and the Northwest semitic tradition

Vasiliki Kousoulini (Open University of Cyprus)
Cyprus as an erotic landscape in archaic epic and lyric poetry

Aitor Luz Villafranca (Universidad Autonoma de Madrid)
*Cyprus as landscape for ethnicity and kingship theory in
Isocrates' speeches*

Dimitrios Mantzilas (University of the Peloponnese)
Kittim or Chittim in Hebrew, Greek and Roman sources

14.40 – 16.25

Session 7: *Cyprus in comedy*

Chair: **Ioannis Konstantakos** (University of Athens)

Athina Papachrysostomou (University of Patras)
War and peace: Cyprus in Greek comedy

Antonis Petrides (Open University of Cyprus)
*It was always too far away: Cyprus ancient Greek comic
drama*

Peter Kruschwitz (University of Reading)
*Westward, Ho! Cyprus and Human Trafficking in Roman
Comedy*

Coffee break

16.50 – 18.00

Session 8: *Philosophy and science in Cyprus*

Chair: **Amphilochios Papathomas** (University of Athens)

Athina Malapani (University of Athens)
“Crocus Veneris” and “Myrtus Veneris”: their position in
classical literature and the medical literature of Cyprus

Vassilios Vertoudakis (University of Athens)
Epigrams on Zeno of Citium

18.00 – 18.20

Closing discussion

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