



WORKSHOP

**Speaking Religion:**

**Religious Discourse and Public Speaking in Classical Athens and Beyond**

University of Cyprus, 19 June 2018

Venue: Kallipoleos 75, Nicosia 1678, Room: A018

**PROGRAMME**

- 08:30-09:20 Registration
- 09:20-09:30 Welcome speech by **Costas Constantinou**, Vice Rector of the University of Cyprus
- 09:30-09:40 Welcome speech by **Stavroula Constantinou**, Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Letters at the University of Cyprus
- 09:40-10:00 Introduction by **Andreas Serafim**, Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Cyprus
- 10:00-11:00 **Keynote Address**  
Chair: Georgios Xenis (University of Cyprus)  
**Edward M. Harris** (University Durham & University of Edinburgh): *Religion and the Rule of Law*
- 11:00-11:30 Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:30-14:00 **Panel 1 ~ Religion in/as Performance**  
Chair: Stavroula Constantinou (University of Cyprus)
- 11:30-12:00 **Hannah Willey** (University of Cambridge): *The allure and the fear of performative religious rhetoric. Comparing Plato and the orators.*
- 12:00-12:30 **Despina Keramida** (University of Cyprus): *The Rhetoric of Magic in Ovid's Epistulae Heroidum*
- 12:30-13:00 **Stella Alekou** (University of Cyprus): *Manus in actio and manus iniectio in Roman ritual: forensic discourse in Ovid's Heroides*

	13:00-13:30	<b>Elizabeth DePalma Digeser</b> (University of California, Santa Barbara): <i>Excavating Lactantius' Divine Institutes within the Religious Topography of Constantine's Gaul</i>
	13:30-14:00	<b>Glenn S. Holland</b> (Allegheny College): <i>Argument and Performance in the Creation of a Rhetorical Matrix in Paul's Churches</i>
14:00-15:00		Lunch
15:00-16:00		<b>Panel 2 ~ Religion, Politics and Morality</b>
		Chair: Antonia Giannouli (University of Cyprus)
	15:00-15:30	<b>Michael Paschalis</b> (University of Crete): <i>The Discourse of Religious and Moral Decline in Horace, Odes 3.6: Beyond the Augustan Context</i>
	15:30-16:00	<b>Leonora Neville</b> (University of Wisconsin Madison): <i>Civic Religion in Tenth-Century Constantinople</i>
16:00-17:00		<b>Panel 3 ~ Religion and Rituals in Public Speaking</b>
		Chair: Antonis Petrides (Open University of Cyprus)
	16:00-16:30	<b>Rebecca Van Hove</b> (King's College London): <i>Recording divine words: archiving and re-using oracles in classical Athens</i>
	16:30-17:00	<b>James W. Watts</b> (Syracuse University): <i>Pollution as a rhetorical topos in ancient texts and cultures</i>
17:00-17:30		Coffee/Tea Break
17:30-18:30		<b>Panel 4 ~ Religious Discourse in Christianity</b>
		Chair: Maria Ypsilanti (University of Cyprus)
	17:30-18:00	<b>Roger Rees</b> (University of St Andrews): <i>Latin panegyric oratory in a century of religious change</i>
	18:00-18:30	<b>Hanne Roer</b> (University of Copenhagen): <i>Augustine's De civitate Dei: a Mirror of Classical Rhetoric</i>
18:30-18:45		Final remarks by <b>Maria Ypsilanti</b> , Associate Professor at the University of Cyprus
20:00		Dinner