

MZAW-Gastprofessur für Kulturgeschichte des Altertums 2022/23

Conference

INSECTS IN THE PREMODERN WORLD

July, 6–7, 2023, Munich

by Prof. Dr. Przemysław Marciniak (LMU)

Thursday, 6 July

Przemysław Marciniak
Opening Remarks

Naming Insects

Isabelle Draelants (Paris)
Peut-on parler d'«insecte» dans les textes médiévaux? Les vermes
entre naturalisme et exégèseGrigory Vorobyev (Ghent)
Latin insect names introduced by Theodore Gaza

Flies and Bees

Thorsten Fögen (Durham) (online):
Ἔστω δέ τι καὶ τῆ μύια παρ' ἡμῶν γέρας: On the role of flies in
Greek and Latin literatureMoa Ekbohm (Gothenburg)
Lords of the flies: Emperors interacting with muscaeFrances Foster (Cambridge)
Virgil's Bees in the Late Antique Classroom

Philosophical Insects

Yi Chen (Toronto)
The liminal cicada in Chinese and Greek ClassicsTatjana Aleknienė (Vilnius)
Insekt sein in der Welt PlatonsDominik Berrens (Mainz)
Nullum est animal altero doctius – Insektengleichnisse in Senecas
philosophischen Schriften

Useful Insect

Isabel Grimm-Stadelmann (Munich)
Insekten als *Materia Medica*?Ana Cláudia Silveira (Lisabon)
A sumptuous insect: extraction and trade of grā in the Setúbal
Peninsula at the end of the Middle Ages

Friday, 7 July

Not very nice Insects

Phoebe Lakin (Harvard)
Loving Leeches in Theocritus and NicanderMarco Pouget (Munich)
Locust plagues and other insects in first-century China.
Humans and insects in the Lunheng 論衡 by Wang Chong 王充.Mona Zaki (Williamsburg) (online)
God's Private Army: Insects in a Baghdad BestiaryAyşenur Mulla-Topcan (Katowice)
Being Consumed by Insects: Punishment and Horror in ByzantiumPrzemysław Marciniak
Concluding Remarks

Date & Location:

July 6th, from 9 to 17 and July 7th, from 9.30 to 13

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