5th Trends in Classics

International Conference on Latin Genre

27-29 May, 2011

(to be held in the Auditorium of the Archaeological Museum, Thessaloniki)

The Department of Classics at the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Corpus Christi College Centre for the Study of Greek and Roman Antiquity, Oxford are pleased to announce the co-organization of the 5rd *Trends in Classics* International Conference to be held from 27 to 29 May, 2011. The topic of the conference will be:

Generic Interfaces: Encounters, Interactions and Transformations in Latin Literature

Neither older empiricist positions that genre is an abstract concept useless for the study of individual works of literature nor the recent (post-) modern reluctance to subject literary production to any kind of classification seem to have stilled the discussion on the various aspects of genre in classical literature. Having moved from more or less essentialist and/or prescriptive positions towards a more dynamic conception of the generic model, research on genre is currently considering "pushing beyond the boundaries", "impurity", "instability", "enrichment" and "genre-bending".

The aim of the conference is to raise questions of such generic mobility. Particularly welcome are papers which: explore ways in which works assigned to a particular generic area play host to formal and substantive elements associated with different or even opposing genres; assess literary works which seem to challenge perceived generic norms; highlight, along the literary-historical, the ideological and political backgrounds to "dislocations" of the generic map.

Speakers include:

Rhiannon Ash (Merton College, Oxford)

Robert Cowan (University of Sydney)

Marco Fantuzzi (Columbia University)

Stavros Frangoulidis (Aristotle University)

Kirk Freudenburg (Yale University)

Therese Fuhrer (Freie Universität, Berlin)

Roy Gibson (University of Manchester)

Philip Hardie (University of Cambridge)

Stephen Harrison (Corpus Christi, Oxford)

Stephen Hinds (University of Washington, Seattle)

Richard Hunter (University of Cambridge)

Gregory Hutchinson (Exeter, Oxford)

Ahuvia Kahane (Royal Holloway, University of London)

Evangelos Karakasis (University of Ioannina)

David Konstan (New York University)

Christina Kraus (Yale University)

Stratis Kyriakidis (Aristotle University)

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