

Stesichorus conference: programme¹

A two day international conference on the archaic Greek poet Stesichorus will be held on June 29th and 30th 2012, in the Kendrew Building in St John's College, Oxford.

Stesichorus was regarded by ancient critics as one of the greatest poetic talents between Homer and tragedy. His works were almost completely lost in late antiquity, but over the last sixty years many have been rediscovered on papyrus. No new fragments have appeared for over twenty years now, so it seems a good moment to assess the nature of Stesichorus' literary achievement and his legacy to later poets. As far as we know, this is the first conference devoted to his oeuvre.

The programme for this conference is as follows:

Friday 29th June

9.00-9.30	Welcome	
9.30-10.30	Prof. Ewen Bowie	Stesichorus and Athens
10.30-11.00	Tea/Coffee	
11.00-12.00	Dr Adrian Kelly	Stesichorus' Homer
12.00-13.00	Prof Chris Carey	Stesichorus and the Epic Cycle
13.00-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-15.30	Dr Maria Xanthou	Stesichorus' women: genealogy, beauty, and heroic motherhood
15.30-16.30	Dr Patrick Finglass	Stesichorus, master of narrative
16.30-17.00	Tea/Coffee	
17.00-18.00	Dr Dirk Obbink	Stesichorus on and off the pots
Evening	Dinner	

Saturday 30th June

9.30-10.30	Prof Martin West	Epic, lyric, and lyric epic
10.30-11.00	Tea/Coffee	

¹ As emailed via the Classicist List on March 28, 2012.

11.00-12.00	Prof Richard Hunter	Sweet Stesichorus: Theocritus and the Helen revisited
12.00-13.00	Prof Ian Rutherford	Stesichorus' Rhadine
13.00-14.30	Lunch	
14.30-15.30	Prof Ettore Cingano	The indirect tradition of Stesichorus
15.30-16.30	Dr Gerson Schade	Stesichorus' readers: from Simonides to Anne Carson
16.30-17.00	Tea/Coffee	
17.00-18.00	Dr Malcolm Davies	Stesichorus and folk-tale
18.00-18.30	Final discussion; close	

The conference is generously sponsored by the Oxford Faculty of Classics, by the Craven Committee, and by St John's College. The conference fee is £3 for one day, £6 for both days, and includes tea and coffee. Lunch and dinner are available at St John's, at a cost; likewise accommodation, subject to availability. Please get in touch with one of the organisers to book a place and for further details.

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