

Abstract:

Romans from Mexico to Spain:

A Panel on the Hispanic Reception of the Classical Tradition

Participants:

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Dr. Montserrat Reig (Barcelona)

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Description:

While Spanish-language scholarship has produced a large amount of literature relating to the Hispanic reception of the classical tradition, the subject has not been widely treated in English. This is in contrast to the Germanic and French traditions of Classicism which have been widely studied in the Anglophonic academy; often more so than in the respective traditions. Nonetheless, the reception of the Greco-roman tradition in the Spanish-speaking world provides a great deal of material for study and discussion. This panel will consist of four speakers: Professor Andrew Laird (Warwick), Dr. Montserrat Reig (Barcelona), Dr. Carmen Gonzalez (UAM) and Katie Billotte (RHUL). Papers will be balanced between the Iberian Peninsula and Latin America. Professor Laird will give a paper concerning a letter written in Latin to Philip II of Spain by a group of native Mexican *caciques* in the 16th century. This letter is little known even in Mexico and contains some interesting quotations and examples from Roman history and literature. Ms. Billotte will present a paper on versions of the Antigone presented in Colombia and Peru in 2006 as part of Festival Encuentro Internacional MAGDALENA ANTIGONA. Dr. Reig will discuss the rich history of classical reception in the Catalonian tradition. Finally, Dr. Gonzalez will address the Greco-Roman tradition in Spain under the Franco regime between 1940 and 1950. Each of these papers will seek to create a framework to explore both the differences and commonalities that underlying the reception of the Classics within the diversity of the “Hispanic” world.