

EuGeStA

Gender Studies and Classical Scholarship

Subversive Motherhood and the Roman Revolution

Eugesta Workshop

12-14 November 2025, online

Organized by Sara Borrello (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia) and Simona Martorana (The Australian National University)

PROGRAM

N.B. : Session times on the program are CET.

12 November

(6:45-9:00 am GMT = 7:45-10:00 am CET = 5:45-8:00 pm AEDT = 7:45-10:00 pm NZDT)

Zoom Details: <https://anu.zoom.us/j/89937962714?pwd=tM5JKtRQpKb8wunP29zRJo0CSR7wUv.1>

Meeting ID: 899 3796 2714 - Password: 489927

Chair: Simona Martorana

7:45-8:00 am Greetings and Introduction

8:00-8:20 am Silvia Lacorte, Cristina Rosillo López (Universidad Pablo de Olavide, Sevilla):

“A Mother with Political Ideas: Cornelia and the Letters to Her Son”

8:20-8:40 am Lewis Webb (University of Gothenburg): “Subversive *verba*? Maternal Prayer and/in Crisis in Rome”

8:40-9:00 am Discussion

9:00-9:20 am Hannah Sorscher (University of Otago): “The Pregnant Prize: Fertility and Enslavement in Vergil’s *Aeneid*”

9:20-9:40 am Robert Cowan (The University of Sydney): “‘Bitches be Crazy’: Ecofeminism, Posthumanism, and Subversive Motherhood in Virgil, Grattius, and Columella”

9:40-10:00 am Discussion

13 November

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Zoom Details: <https://anu.zoom.us/j/86134611696?pwd=SYSEZUJ4ZKOPvTvD2XIhIbCXZYkXAY.1>

Meeting ID: 861 3461 1696 - Password: 208423

Chair: Jacqueline Fabre-Serris

8:00-8:20 am Sara Borrello (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia): “*Maternam obtinebat auctoritatem*: Servilia’s Subversive Motherhood?”

8:20-8:40 am Giulia Vettori (Università degli Studi di Trento): “Unintended Outcomes of a Moral Reform Programme: Subversive Motherhood and the Augustan Marriage Legislation”

8:40-9:00 am Discussion

9:00-9:20 am Mairéad McAuley (University College London): “Myrrha’s Transcorporeal Maternity in Ovid, *Met.* 10”

9:20-9:40 am Henriette van der Blom (University of Birmingham): “The Agency of Maternal Testators in Valerius Maximus”

9:40-10:00 am Discussion

14 November

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Meeting ID: 860 9965 9683 - Password: 900168

Chair: Sara Borrello

8:00-8:20 am Jacqueline Fabre-Serris (Université de Lille 3): “Is It Love of/for the Mother or Incest? Tacitus’ Account of the Relations Between Agrippina and Nero and Seneca’s Involvement: Backgrounds and Stakes”

8:20-8:40 am Simona Martorana (The Australian National University): “*Parta ultio est*: Embodied Motherhood and (Meta)Literary Identities in Seneca’s *Medea*”

8:40-9:00 am Discussion

9:00-9:20 am Julene Abad Del Vecchio (The University of Manchester): “Archetypal Grief in the *Achilleid*”

9:20-9:40 am Marguerite Johnson (The University of Queensland): “‘Run Away!’: Roman Responses to Boudicca’s Subversive Motherhood”

9:40-10:00 am Discussion

10:00-10:15 am Final Remarks