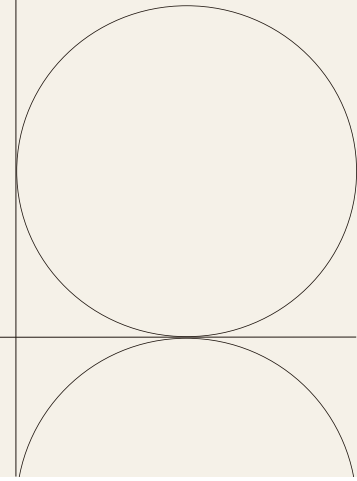


Online Lecture Series



Building Bridges: Exploring Graeco-Roman Oratory and Rhetoric from a Cross-cultural Perspective

We are pleased to announce an online lecture series on Greek and Roman oratory and rhetoric, titled '**Building Bridges: Exploring Graeco-Roman Oratory and Rhetoric from a Cross-cultural Perspective**', which will run from October 2025 to July 2026. The series aims to bridge classical traditions and contemporary scholarship, providing a platform for scholars and students to engage in both intellectual exchange and pedagogical dialogue.

The series has two main objectives:

- to foster academic collaboration by exploring emerging areas in rhetorical studies,
- to enhance pedagogy by equipping students with critical tools for rhetorical and oratorical analysis.

The series is open to all, and especially welcomes graduate students and early-career researchers.

Lectures will take place on **Fridays at 09:00 UTC** (09:00 GMT, 10:00 BST, 11:00 CEST, 17.00 Beijing, 18.00 Seoul/Tokyo) **via Zoom**.

Please note that the first lecture session on **17 October 2025** will begin at **10:00 am (British Summer Time, GMT+1)**; subsequent lectures, from 14 November to 27 March 2026 will begin at 9:00 am (GMT), unless otherwise noted in the programme.

You may join the sessions using the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/93159445855>

Zoom ID number: [93159445855](https://zoom.us/j/93159445855)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact: mengzhen.yue@rhul.ac.uk

Programme

Friday 17 October 2025	Zilong Guo (IHAC, Northeast Normal University): <i>The Care of the Body in [Dem.] 59.122: A Platonic Expression</i>
Friday 14 November 2025	Jakub Filonik (University of Silesia): <i>The Idea of ‘Sharing in the Polis’ and the Rhetoric of Scarcity in Classical Athens</i>
Friday 28 November 2025 (begins at 08:00 UTC)	Hana Mengyao Liu (Stanford University): <i>Orator Patiens: Therapeutic Rhetoric in Aelius Aristides’s Hieroi Logoi</i>
Friday 19 December 2025	Lene Rubinstein (Royal Holloway, University of London): <i>Retrieval-induced Forgetting and the ‘Forgotten’ Amnesty of 401/0 in Fourth-century Attic Oratory</i>
Friday 23 January 2026	Thomas Blank (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz): <i>Unspeakables: Secrets, Silence and Their Appropriate Use in Greek Oratory</i>
Friday 27 February 2026	Caroline Petit (University of Warwick): TBC
Friday 13 March 2026	Bernd Steinbock (Western University): <i>Rhetorical Exploitation, Social Memory, and the Attic Orators’ Treatment of the Past: Historical Allusions to the Sicilian Expedition</i>
Friday 27 March 2026	Kathryn Tempest (University of Leicester): <i>Forgetting the Past: Cicero, Civil War, and Amnesty in Cassius Dio</i>
Friday 10 April 2026	Jaewon Ahn (Seoul National University): <i>Demosthenes in Korea</i>
Friday 24 April 2026	Giulia Maltagliati (University of Cambridge): <i>The Rhetoric of Medicine: Communicating the Limits of Knowledge in Hippocratic Texts</i>

Friday 8 May 2026	Christine Plastow (Open University): <i>Speaking in Place: Spatial Approaches to Greek Oratory</i>
Friday 29 May 2026	Cheng He (Central China Normal University): <i>Rewriting History: The Greco-Persian Wars in Isocrates</i>
Friday 12 June 2026	Xinyao Xiao (Chongqing University): <i>Fashioning the Elite: Orator, Actor, and Rhetorical Delivery in Late Republican Rome</i>
Friday 10 July 2026	Noboru Sato (Kobe University): <i>Materiality and Interpretation of Laws in Athenian Forensic Speeches</i>

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