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Animal Behaviour and Environments: Ecological Perspectives from Antiquity to the Present

Organisers : **Stavros Lazaris** (CNRS / ICP, Paris), **Sophia Xenophontos**
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In person only

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Friday, 23 October

9:30	Participant registration and check-in
9:45	Welcome and Introductory Remarks by Stavros Lazaris, Sophia Xenophontos, and Arnaud Zucker
10:00	Être né sous le soleil des Tropiques : le rôle des éléments et des facteurs environnementaux dans la formation des faunes tropicales Keynote Lecture by Jean Trinquier
Session I : Sensory Ecologies, Perception, and Umwelt	
10:50	The Acoustic Umwelt of the Hive: Sensory Ethology in Vergil's <i>Georgics</i> 4 Andreas Michalopoulos
11:20	Coffee break
11:40	Le langage de la sensation animale dans les <i>Métamorphoses</i> d'Apulée Joëlle Soler
12:10	Oikeiosis and Animal Interaction with the Environment in Hierocles' <i>Ethike Stoicheiosis</i> Georgia Tsouni
12:40	<i>Cognitioni hominum obscurior</i>. How other Animals Experience the World Cristiana Franco
13:10	Lunch break



Session II : Eco-pathology, Husbandry, and Habitat Vulnerability

- 14:30** **Animals and Health Ecology in Antiquity: A Survey of Scientific and Technical Sources**
Emmanuel Beaujard
- 15:00** **Animal Disease in Roman Agricultural Writing**
Jordan Delila
- 15:30** Coffee break
- 15:40** **Refuge or Trap? The Ecological Ambivalence of Animal Shelters in Antiquity**
Duyen Phuong Nguyen
- 16:10** **Dolphins, Humans, and the Lagoon. Interspecies Environmental Interactions in Pliny *NH* 9.29–32**
Pietro Li Causi

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Saturday, 24 October

10:00

Bodies, Breeds and Infrastructures: A Multispecies Sustainability History of Livestock Production in Greece 1950-2020

Keynote Lecture by Stathis Arapostathis

Session III : Avian ecologies, trophic niches, and representations

10:50

Oiseaux et « équilibre naturel » : Penser les relations inter-espèces dans la Belgique du XIX^e siècle

Marie Chaidron

11:20

Coffee break

11:40

The Image as a Laboratory of the Living: Trophic Niches and Visual Ecology in the Work of Frans Post (1612–1680)

Marie-Anne Dragon

12:10

The Birds over the Theatre of Dionysus: Towards a More-than-Human Dramaturgy in Attic Drama

Marta Lietti

12:40

The Mimic from India: Avian Voice, Interspecies Communication, and Biodiversity in Ovid's *Amores* 2.6

Charilaos Michalopoulos

13:10

Lunch break



Session IV : Human-animal interactions, wildlife, and landscape dynamics

- 14:30** **Predator and Prey, Ancient and Modern: Aristotelian Zoology and the Ecological Concept of Rewilding**
Katharina Epstein
- 15:00** **Connaissances arabes médiévales sur la migration des animaux**
Kaouthar Lamouchi Chebbi
- 15:30** Coffee break
- 15:50** **In Forests and Fields: Depictions of Human–Wildlife Interactions in Rural Landscapes**
Maria Leontsini
- 16:20** **Attitudes to Wild Horses in the Middle Ages and Today: Pests, Valuable Property or Land Managers?**
Anastasija Ropa
- 16:50** Concluding remarks and official close of the conference



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