

XII^e ZOOMATHIA Conference



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

2026, October 23-24

Athens, Greece

Kostis Palamas Building

Friday, 23 October

09:30 – 09:45: Participant registration and check-in

09:45 – 10:00: Welcome and introductory remarks by S. Lazaris, S. Xenophontos, and A. Zucker

10:00 – 10:50: **Keynote Lecture by J. TRINQUIER** – *"Être né sous le soleil des Tropiques: le rôle des éléments et des facteurs environnementaux dans la formation des faunes tropicales"*

Session I: Sensory Ecologies, Perception, and *Umwelt*

10:50 – 11:20: Andreas MICHALOPOULOS – *The acoustic Umwelt of the hive: sensory ethology in Vergil's Georgics 4*

11:20 – 11:40: Coffee break

11:40 – 12:10: Joëlle SOLER – *Le langage de la sensation animale dans les Métamorphoses d'Apulée*

12:10 – 12:40: Georgia TSOUNI – *Oikeiosis and Animal Interaction with the Environment in Hierocles' Ethike Stoicheiosis*

12:40 – 13:10: Cristiana FRANCO – *Cognitioni hominum obscurior. How other animals experience the world*

13:10 – 14:30: Lunch break

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

14:30 – 15:00: Emmanuel BEAUJARD – *Animals and health ecology in Antiquity: a survey of scientific and technical sources*

15:00 – 15:30: Jordan DELILA – *Animal Disease in Roman Agricultural Writing*

15:30 – 15:40: Coffee break

15:40 – 16:10: Duyen Phuong NGUYEN – *Refuge or Trap? The Ecological Ambivalence of Animal Shelters in Antiquity*

16:10 – 16:40: Pietro Li CAUSI – *Dolphins, Humans, and the Lagoon. Interspecies Environmental Interactions in Plin. NH 9.29–32*

Saturday, 24 October

10:00 – 10:50: Keynote Lecture by S. ARAPOSTATHIS – *Bodies, Breeds and Infrastructures: A Multispecies Sustainability History of Livestock Production in Greece 1950-2020*

Session III: Avian Ecologies, Trophic Niches, and Representations

10:50 – 11:20: Marie CHAIDRON – *Oiseaux et « équilibre naturel » : Penser les relations inter-espèces dans la Belgique du XIXe siècle*

11:20 – 11:40: Coffee break

11:40 – 12:10: Marie-Anne DRAGON – *The Image as a Laboratory of the Living: Trophic Niches and Visual Ecology in the Work of Frans Post (1612–1680)*

12:10 – 12:40: Marta LIETTI – *The Birds over the Theatre of Dionysus: Towards a More-than-Human Dramaturgy in Attic Drama*

12:40 – 13:10: Charilaos MICHALOPOULOS – *The Mimic from India: Avian Voice, Interspecies Communication, and Biodiversity in Ovid's Amores 2.6*

13:10 – 14:30: Lunch break

Session IV: Human-Animal Interactions, Wildlife, and Landscape Dynamics

14:30 – 15:00: Katharina EPSTEIN – *Predator and Prey, Ancient and Modern: Aristotelian Zoology and the Ecological Concept of Rewilding*

15:00 – 15:30: Kaouthar Lamouchi CHEBBI – *Connaissances arabes médiévales sur la migration des animaux*

15:30 – 15:50: Coffee break

15:50 – 16:20: Maria LEONTSINI – *In Forests and Fields: Depictions of Human–Wildlife Interactions in Rural Landscapes*

16:20 – 16:50: Anastasija ROPA – *Attitudes to Wild Horses in the Middle Ages and Today: Pests, Valuable Property or Land Managers?*

16:50: Concluding remarks and official close of the conference



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