

## **Ancient love letters: 22-23 March 2018**

University of Leeds: Baines Wing, Seminar Room G.37 (ground floor)

### **Programme**

#### **Thursday 22 March**

##### **10.30 Welcome**

Dr Emma Stafford, Senior Lecturer in Classics, Deputy Head of School (Languages, Cultures, and Societies)

Dr Owen Hodkinson (Leeds) and Professor Tiziana Drago (Bari), Conference organisers

**10.45** Opening remarks and discussion: Love Letters and Erotic Letters in Antiquity and Beyond (Aims of Research Network and Project; Definitions; Corpus) – Owen Hodkinson & Tiziana Drago  
*Read in advance: 'Position Paper' for the project*

##### **11.30 Coffee break**

**12.00** Professor Rafael Gallé Cejudo (Cadiz) "Mapping some of the generic borders of the Greek love letter"/ "Trazando algunas de las fronteras genéricas de la carta de amor griega"

##### **13.00 Lunch**

**14.00** Dr Andrew Morrison (Manchester) "Order and structure in the *Letters* of Philostratus"

**14.40** Antonios Pontoropoulos (Uppsala) "Erotic correspondences: Issues of structure and organization in the Philostratean *Erotic Letters*"

##### **15.20 Tea break**

**15.40** Dr Émeline Marquis (Alexander von Humboldt Foundation) "Alciphron: the erotic letters in the spotlight"

**16.20** Professor Melissa Funke (Winnipeg) "Epistolarity, eroticism, and agency: the female voice in fictional Greek love letters"

##### **17.00 Pub (to be decided)**

**18.30 Drinks reception followed by Conference Dinner.** University House

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## Friday 23 March

**10.30** Professor Lucio Del Corso (Cassino) "In a sentimental mood? Love, sex, marriage (and other catastrophes) in personal letters (and everyday documents) from Graeco-Roman Egypt"

### **11.20 Coffee break**

**11.40** Professor Ewen Bowie (Oxford) "Letters before letters"

**12.20** Yvonne Rösch (Bonn) "Great expectations: Love letters in Ovid's *Amores* 1.11–1.12 and Lucian's *Dialogues of the Courtesans* 10"

### **13.00 Lunch**

**14.00** Professor Tiziana Drago (Bari) "The *Letters* of Aristaenetos: Hyperliterary, intertextuality and formalized erotic language"

### **15.00 Tea break**

**15.20** Dr Owen Hodkinson (Leeds) "Philostratus and Latin elegy revisited"

**16.00** Professor Steven D. Smith (Hofstra University, New York) "Is Diogenes in love with a eunuch? The erotic subtext of Theophylact Simocatta *Ep.* 43"

**16.40** Closing remarks (future plans) – Owen Hodkinson & Tiziana Drago

**17.00** Close

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**20.15** Dinner, Lavanta restaurant, Far Headingley (Walk from Weetwood Hall Hotel at 20.00)