

Dear Members,

We hope that this unusual academic year has gone well for everyone and you have survived a year of interacting almost exclusively online. Hopefully, everyone will be able to take a bit of time away from the screen over the summer and also to engage with Neo-Latin matters of interest.

Early modern activities have continued throughout this period and will continue, while the summer is typically a quieter time. As mentioned previously, SNLS is keen to maintain its support for members, adapted to the changed circumstances: the Society is still active for you (e.g. bringing you this quarterly newsletter), organizes and sponsors events (albeit more of those in a virtual format) and is happy to facilitate initiatives by members.

The start of July is the time for the third quarterly SNLS Newsletter of the 2021 (2021-3, number 27 of the series).

Once again this Newsletter offers an update on SNLS activities and provides a summary of what is happening virtually, as intellectual exchange remains possible, thanks to modern digital technology. We can all contact each other via email; the SNLS website (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/>) includes various pieces of information; and there is an active SNLS Facebook group and Twitter feed (all accessible from the main SNLS homepage).

If members have any suggestions of what SNLS could do in these challenging times or would like to volunteer to run any initiatives, such offers would be very welcome: just get in touch!

SNLS news:

– SNLS ‘Active Latin for Neo-Latin Research’ event: Building on the success of past online events especially for students and early career researchers, our postgraduate representative Tomos Evans put together an exciting and innovative ‘Active Latin’ event for Saturday, 19 June 2021. This event showcased the use of ‘Active’ (or ‘Spoken’) Latin to enhance the teaching and study of Neo-Latin texts and explored Latin as a spoken language in the early modern period. The session was attended by a diverse and engaged group of people; it created some good discussion and received a lot of positive feedback. This event was a highly successful collaboration between the SNLS and the University of Kentucky’s Institute for Latin Studies, and there may be scope for further collaboration between the two organisation in the future.

– SNLS Early Career Neo-Latin Translation Group: Edward Taylor and Sharon van Dijk have set up an online Early Career Neo-Latin Translation Group - a place for early career people who are working on Neo-Latin texts to exchange questions about or to read over each other's translations. Since people working on Neo-Latin are often in different departments and may not have easy access to colleagues to discuss Neo-Latin matters, this will be a space where this might happen. Anyone interested in joining the group should get in touch with Edward Taylor ([edward.taylor@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:edward.taylor@ucl.ac.uk)).

– SNLS Conference 2021: The conference on 'Baroque Latinity', which was postponed from September 2020 to September 2021, will now take place on 17 and 18 September 2021, and it will happen online (on the afternoon of both days). A revised programme and a link for registration are available on the SNLS website (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/news/snls-csnls-conference2021/>). Registration is open, and all are welcome.

– SNLS Ann Moss Essay Prize 2021: The next round for the SNLS Ann Moss Essay Prize is open; submissions from postgraduate students and early career scholars are invited (deadline: 15 October 2021; <https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/news/essayprize/>).

– SNLS AGM and Annual Lecture 2021: As 2021 is the four-hundredth anniversary of the death of John Barclay, in order to celebrate that, SNLS Vice-President Jacqueline Glomski and colleagues at the Ludwig-Boltzmann-Institute for Neo-Latin Studies are organizing a conference on John Barclay for 18-19 November 2021 in London ('The *Argenis* at 400: John Barclay's Writing and its Impact through the Centuries'). Therefore, the SNLS AGM and Annual Lecture 2021 will take place in connection with this event. Further details will follow in due course, and the programme will be available on the SNLS website shortly. It is hoped that this event can take place in person; if this becomes impossible, it will be switched to online, and members will be informed in good time.

– SNLS Mentoring scheme: SNLS is operating a mentoring scheme for junior academics (PhD students, postdocs, early career scholars etc.); the first pairs have been set up. Any other members who would like to be involved as mentors or mentees should get in touch with the President (at [g.manuwald@ucl.ac.uk](mailto:g.manuwald@ucl.ac.uk)). Hopefully, this will be a helpful way to support the next generation of Neo-Latin researchers even further.

– SNLS Podcasts and Neo-Latin Anthology: Another reminder about the series of SNLS podcasts (<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/podcast/>). Further contributions for more podcasts or the Neo-Latin anthology ([https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/snls\\_teaching\\_anthology/](https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/snls_teaching_anthology/)) are

warmly invited. If there was some new material, SNLS could contact schools (and similar organizations) to alert their students to it; SNLS might then make a small contribution to continuing education while schools operate under difficult circumstances and also promote Neo-Latin to wider audiences. If anyone has ideas for contributions, please get in touch!

– SNLS Membership Fees / Gift Aid: Membership fees (£15 / £7.50 concessions) for 2020/21 were due on 1 October 2020 (details here: <http://www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/arts/ren/snls/officers/>). Please consider paying by standing order or bank transfer and completing the Gift Aid form (if you are a UK taxpayer). If you have not done so recently, SNLS would be grateful if everyone could complete the forms again: as you will remember, as a result of the changed GDPR rules, SNLS has revised the statement on how it handles members' personal data, and it would be useful to have an up-to-date signed statement from everyone, confirming that they are happy with the current arrangement. The forms are available from the SNLS website. If members pay by standing order or bank transfer and complete the Gift Aid form, this will enable SNLS to reclaim Gift Aid from HMRC and thus to increase the Society's income and provide a basis for more activities. The Treasurer is working on reclaiming the Gift Aid SNLS is owed by HMRC. Thanks again to everyone who has already paid their membership fee for the current academic year and agreed to the Gift Aid scheme! If there are any problems or questions about payment or the forms, please contact the Treasurer and Data Protection Officer Lucy Nicholas ([lucy.r.nicholas@gmail.com](mailto:lucy.r.nicholas@gmail.com)).

News on online resources and events from the wider world of Neo-Latin and early modern studies:

– CFP: The British Milton Seminar autumn meeting (on Zoom, 16 October 2021, 12-2pm and 3-5pm)

Deadline: 31 July 2021

We currently intend that each session will have two papers (of approx. 25-30 minutes each), for which proposals are invited. Please send proposals to Professor Hugh Adlington ([h.c.adlington@bham.ac.uk](mailto:h.c.adlington@bham.ac.uk)) and Professor Sarah Knight ([sk218@leicester.ac.uk](mailto:sk218@leicester.ac.uk)) by no later than 31 July 2021.

- Job opportunity: Research Assistant for 'Recovering Europe's Parliamentary Culture, 1500-1700: A New Approach to Representative Institutions'

English Faculty, St Cross Building, Manor Road, Oxford OX1 3UL

Deadline to apply: 2 July 2021

The project explores the culture of Europe's Parliaments, States, Estates, Diets, and Cortes, asking how it was expressed in images, language, writing, and symbolic practices. It draws on literature, history, political philosophy, classical tradition, art and material culture to investigate the literary, political, and visual discourses and shared experiences of representative politics across early modern Europe and their 'translation' into colonial contexts. The post holder will be responsible for assisting in the design and development of the website and database, carrying out research on the Dutch states-General, organising the project conference, and supporting the preparation of further funding major bids. <https://bit.ly/3f0pBqn>

– Conference: Classical Reformations: Beyond Christian Humanism

Online conference hosted by the Warburg Institute, 2-3 September 2021

Free via Zoom with advance registration: <https://warburg.sas.ac.uk/events/event/24442>

Convenors: [Dr Micha Lazarus](#) and [Dr Lucy Nicholas](#) (Warburg Institute)

Christian humanism has dominated the story of classical reception in Reformation Europe, as the first Erasmian generation of reformers retooled classical texts to Christian ends. Yet the utility of the classical tradition to later generations of reformers has been largely overlooked by modern scholarship. We propose that as the Reformation evolved, the influence of classical learning was as likely to flow in the other direction: that the literature and ideas of the ancient world had a formative influence on Christian politics and theology. Major Reformation figures—from Melancthon, Sturm, Ascham, and Beza, to many of their Catholic opponents, such as Pole and Bellarmine—were scholars by day, as comfortable with Catullus as Corinthians. Their classical learning actively empowered and shaped the formulation of Christian faith during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries.

*Classical Reformations: Beyond Christian Humanism* explores how the literature and ideas of the classical world calibrated early modern Christianity—its interpretation, ordinances, moral instruction, politics, theology, cultural expression, and polarizing impulses of confessionalisation. How did classical learning fill the gaps in the Lutheran rejection of Catholic doctrine? How did classical poetry and drama shape the Roman Church's popular outreach after the Council of Trent? How did classical history and rhetoric inflect the turbulent politics of the Reformation? Looking beyond the Christian absorption of pagan material and Erasmian humanism *redux*, this conference focuses instead on a classical Christianity, even a Greco-Roman monotheism, in the generations after Erasmus. Where recent scholarship has replaced confessionalism at the heart of early modern philology, we aim to replace classicism at the heart of theology and religious politics. The classical tradition was too ubiquitous and authoritative a presence in early modern intellectual life to have left theology untouched.

This international conference will take place online over two days, hosted by the Warburg Institute. Speakers include leading and upcoming scholars from Belgium, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, France, Hong Kong, Italy, Spain, the United States, and the United Kingdom, and a keynote address will be given by Prof. Ralph Keen (University of Illinois at Chicago).

– The 18th Congress of the International Association for Neo-Latin Studies (IANLS) has been postponed to 2022. It will be held in Leuven from 31 July to 5 August 2022. Please check the IANLS website for further details: <http://www.ianls.com/>.

– Plans are underway for the [68th Annual Meeting](#) of the Renaissance Society of America, to be held in Dublin, Ireland on Wednesday, 30 March 2022 through Saturday, 2 April 2022. The submissions portal for Dublin 2022 will open on 1 July, and the deadline for submissions is 10 August 2021.

This is the latest round-up of Neo-Latin news. As always, we hope that it is useful for members, and we encourage everyone to submit items for the next issue. We hope that you are all coping well and staying in touch during this time. We wish everyone a good summer and hope to see some of you at (virtual) events in the autumn.

Best wishes,

Gesine Manuwald

(SNLS President)