

**Ancient and Medieval Greek Etymology as heuristic and pedagogic tool.  
The case of common words  
4th Etygram Conference  
Siena. April 28-29-30, 2025**

**Program**

**28<sup>th</sup> afternoon *Definition and etymology***

**Palazzo del Rettorato dell'Università di Siena, Aula Magna Storica, Banchi di Sotto 55**

2:45–3:15 *Welcome and registration*

3:15–3:30 *Introduction*

3:30–4:15 Keynote lecture: Velizar SADOVSKI (Austrian Academy of Sciences)  
Etymological and grammatical reflexions in Indo-Iranian and Graeco-Roman literary sources and pre-scientific texts: poetical, ritualist and philological aspects.

4:15–4:50 Rossana ZANETTI (Univ. Pisa & Firenze)

Ὑποσημαίνειν δ' ἔοικε καὶ τοῦνομα: The usage of etymology in Aristotle's *Ethics*.

4:50–5:10 Break

5:10–5:45 Benjamin WILCK (Hebrew Univ. of Jerusalem)

Etymology, Paronymy, and Circular Definition in Aristotle and Euclid.

5:45–6:20 David PETRAIN (Hunter College of the City University of New York)

A cognitive theory of etymology in a scholion to Dionysius Thrax.

6:20 END

**29<sup>th</sup> morning 9:30 *Glossaries***

**Palazzo San Niccolò, Aula 468, fourth floor, Via Roma 56**

9:30–10:05 Daria LEKHOVICH (Univ. Lumière Lyon 2)

The Etymology of Common Words in Greek Lexicography: The Case of Phrynichus Arabius.

10:05–10:40 Francesco BOTTI (Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata)

Εἴρηται παρά...Proposte etimologiche nel Glossario ippocratico di Erotiano.

10:40 Break

11:00–11:35 Claudio FELISI (Université de Strasbourg)

Come se la cavavano gli etimologisti antichi in lingue straniere? Ricerche sulle voci "barbariche" degli *Etymologica* bizantini.

11:35–12:15 Presentation of Etygram Dictionary (Claire ca 20mn) & Egascal (Maria Chriti &

Arnaud Zucker ca 20mn).

12:15 Lunch

**29<sup>th</sup> afternoon 2:30 Uses of etymology**

**Palazzo San Niccolò, Aula 468, fourth floor, Via Roma 56**

- 2:30–3:05 Brian McPhee (Bilkent Univ.)  
The Role of Etymologizing in Mythological Rationalization.
- 3:05–3:40 Megan BOWLER (Oxford Univ.)  
(Para-)didactic etymologising in Aristophanes.
- 3:40–4:15 Nathalie ROUSSEAU (Sorbonne Univ.)  
L'expression du lien entre ὀνόματα et πράγματα dans le traité didactique sur la *Dénomination des parties du corps humain* de Rufus d'Éphèse.

4:15 Break

- 4:35–5:10 Claudia GIANTURCO (Univ. Salerno)  
Dall'etimologia come veridica all'etimologia come 'fandonia': Diogeniano e la denigrazione dello strumento etimologico per confutare il fatalismo stoico.
- 5:10–5:45 Laura Busetto (EPHE, Paris)  
« Sed prius de ETYMOΛΟΓΙΑ ». L'etimologia greca come elemento speculativo nel pensiero di Eriugena.

5:45 End

30<sup>th</sup> morning 9:30 *EGASCOL in SIENA*

**Santa Chiara Lab, Auditorium, Via Valdimontone 1** (inside Porta Romana)

Brief presentations by scholars G. Agosti, S. Beta, C. Felisi, A. Vergados. Etymological games by High-school classes, about 80 students with their teachers.

30<sup>th</sup> afternoon 2:30 *Case studies*

**Palazzo San Niccolò, Aula 468, fourth floor, Via Roma 56**

- 2:30–3:05 Eleni PERAKI-KYRIAKIDOU (Aristotle Univ., Thessalonique)  
Simile and narrative in etymological interrelation. The Role of the term περιβολή
- 3:05–3:40 Adrien ZIRAH (Université de Picardie Jules Verne)  
Tourner autour de πόλις : la fortune d'une figura etymologica au tournant des Ve-IVe siècle av. J.-C.
- 3:40–4:15 Cătălin ENACHE (Univ. Vienna)  
Νοῦς, νόμος, and ὄνομα in Platon

4:15 Break

- 4:35–5:10 Asaf ROTH (University of Pennsylvania)  
Paronomasia in the Hippias Major
- 5:10–5:45 Athanassios VERGADOS (Newcastle Univ.)  
An Eranos of etymologies: Plutarch's Symptotic Questions

5:45-6:15 Discussion, conclusions of the conference, information about the publication of contributions.

