Image and Authority: How Presentation Affected Leadership in the Ancient World

Thursday 29th – Friday 30th May 2025

Day 1 – Thur. 29th:

Time	Event
9.45-10.00	Welcome and Opening Remarks
10.00-10.30	Charlotte Mann (Macquarie) – Hadrian and the Senate: Coinage as a Tool for Political Messaging
10.30-11.00	Samuele Cialdi (La Sapienza) – The Emperor's New Clothes: The Court Ceremonial and the Crafting of Legitimacy in Lactantius' *De Mortibus Persecutorum*
11.00-11.30	Oğuz Zengin (Boğaziçi) – Spontaneity, Gestures, and Leadership: Interpreting Caesar's Refusal of Honors
11.30-12.30	Lunch
12.30-13.00	Garret Denaro (Edinburgh) – Ducetius the Sicel Leader: Ethnicity and Leadership in Archaic Sicily
13.00-13.30	Andreas Prasinos – Leadership in Defeat: Xerxes' Self-Presentation in Aeschylus' *The Persians* and Herodotus' *Histories*
13.30-14.00	Nimue Mattingly (Johns Hopkins) – When the Enslaved are Saints and Shepherds: The Presentation of Enslaved Church Leaders in Early Christian Hagiography

Day 2 – Fri. 30th:

8.45-9.00	Welcome and Opening Remarks
9.00-9.30	Raffaele Rizzo (Bari Alto Moro) – Game of Stones: Leadership and Power in Bronze Age Salento
9.30-10.00	Jan Skarbek-Kazanecki (Łódź) – Leading the People Towards Virtue and Justice: Archaic Poetry and Political Legitimisation in Athenian Oligarchic Discourse
10.00-10.30	Altomare Distaso (La Sapienza) – Image and Authority: The Construction of Leadership in Philostratus Minor's *Imagines* through Examples of Mythological Heroes
10.30-11.00	Coffee/Tea Break
11.00-11.30	Tyler Broome (Birmingham) – "Caesar says do this": Leadership, Roles, and Power Structures in the Late Roman Republic
11.30-12.00	Nicola Rose Holm (Warsaw) – Father Like Son(s): The Presentations of Constantinian Imperial Authority (337-361)
12.00-12.30	Grace MacLachlan (Radboud) – RESTITVTOR GALLIARVM: Restoration Ideology and Imperial Expectations in Roman Gaul under Gallienus and Postumus
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.00	Olga Nikonenko (UCL) – Marked Figure with Unremarkable Power?: Cleopatra's Presentation and Leadership Power
14.00-14.30	Kelee Siat (Manchester) – Individuals, Divinities and Agents of Power: Social Network Analysis and the Representation of Female Entities in Egyptian Late Bronze Age Diplomatic Correspondence
14.30-15.30	Coffee/Tea Break
15.30-16.30	Roundtable
16.30-17.00	Keynote: Christopher Burden-Strevens, title TBD
17.00-17.10	Closing remarks