

# Program of *Agents of Change*

## Online workshop, 15 and 22 April 2021



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### Thursday, April 15

15:00-15:15 Welcome and Introduction by Silvia Castelli (Leiden University), “Agents of change: Theoretical framework”

**15:15-16:00 Keynote lecture by Prof. John McNeill**

*Chair: Ineke Sluiter (Leiden University)*

15:15-15:35 John McNeill (Georgetown University), “Mosquitoes, Molecules, and Megafauna: Who and What Has Agency in Human History?”

15:35-15:45 Discussion in break-out rooms

15:45-16:00 Plenary discussion

16:00-16:15 Break

**Session 1 Architecture, Infrastructure, Festivals (16:15-17:15)**

*Chair: Josine Blok (Utrecht University)*

16:15-16:25 Jean Vanden Broeck-Parant (Utrecht University), “Builders, architects and commissioners: Agents of architectural change in 4<sup>th</sup> c. BCE Epidauros and Delphi”

16:25-16:35 Manolis Pagkalos and Christian Kicken (University of Groningen & Radboud University), “Destruction and (re)construction from infrastructure to ideology: Interpreting Roman rule as an agent of change”

16:35-16:45 Robin van Vliet and Onno van Nijf (University of Groningen), “Festival organisers as agents of change. Anchoring Roman power in the Greek (festival) world”

16:45-17:00 Discussion in break-out rooms

17:00-17:15 Plenary discussion

17:15-17:30 Break

**Session 2 Medicine and Philosophy (17:30-18:15)**

*Chair: Teun Tieleman (Utrecht University)*

17:30-17:40 Chiara Cecconi (Utrecht University), “Demystifying the body: Herophilus, Erasistratus and anatomical investigations”

17:40-17:50 Albert Joesse (Utrecht University), “The anonymous agency of the pseudoplatonic dialogues”

17:50-18:00 Discussion in break-out rooms

18:00-18:15 Plenary discussion

18:15-18:45 Virtual drinks

## Thursday, April 22

### Session 1 Classical Literature (15:00-16:00)

*Chair: André Lardinois (Radboud University)*

15:00-15:10 Luuk Huitink (University of Amsterdam), “‘Nihil autem crescit sola imitatione’ (Quint. IO 10.2.8): Conceptualisations of the history of literature in antiquity”

15:10-15:20 Brett Evans (University of Virginia), “A [new] star among the old”: Callimachus and Conon as competing agents of change”

15:20-15:30 Merlijn Breunese, Lidewij van Gils, and Caroline Kroon (University of Amsterdam), “Cicero as an agent of change in late-Republican Rome”

15:30-15:45 Discussion in break-out rooms

15:45-16:00 Plenary discussion

16:00-16:15 Break

### Session 2 Early Christian Literature (16:15-17:00)

*Chair: Silvia Castelli (Leiden University)*

16:15-16:25 Roald Dijkstra (KU Leuven), “Ecclesiastical engagement or political poetry? Commodianus, Constantine and Juvenius and the origins of Christian verse”

16:25-16:35 Nienke Vos (VU Amsterdam) “John Cassian as an agent of change in Western monasticism”

16:35-16:45 Discussion in break-out rooms

16:45-17:00 Plenary discussion

17:00-17:15 Break

### Session 3 Humanism (17:15-18:15)

*Chair: Susanna de Beer (Leiden University)*

17:15-17:25 Annet den Haan (NWO & Utrecht University), “Changing translation practices in fifteenth-century Italy: Patrons and clients as agents of change in humanist Greek-Latin translations”

17:25-17:35 Raf Van Rooy (Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) & KU Leuven), “Erasmus, superspreader of New Ancient Greek?”

17:35-17:45 Discussion in break-out rooms

17:45-18:00 Plenary discussion

18:00-18:15 Concluding remarks by Ineke Sluiter

18:15-18:45 Virtual drinks