

**Call for Papers**  
**Workshop: “Cognitive Readings of Roman Poetry in the Augustan Age”**  
**University of Vienna, 22-23 October 2026**

We are delighted to announce the organization of a workshop to be held at the University of Vienna on **October 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026**. The workshop aims to foster an exchange of ideas and experiences among PhD candidates who apply cognitive approaches to Augustan poetry.

Contributions may employ a range of cognitive approaches, including cognitive linguistics, cognitive poetics, metaphor studies, cognitive narratology, philosophy of mind – theory of mind, emotion studies.

Participants will be expected to present their research, followed by in-depth discussion and feedback on each other's presentations. The invited keynote speaker will also give feedback on all the presentations, as well as giving a talk on one of the days of the workshop. Proposals from PhD holders, who have recently acquired their title, will be accepted in exceptional cases. The complete programme of the workshop will be announced after the thorough review of all submissions.

Language of the workshop: English

Number of participants: 10-12

**Keynote Speaker:**

Alessandro Barchiesi (New York)

**Academic Advisors:**

Andreas Heil (Vienna)

Anna Novokhatko (Trento)

**Coordinators:**

Sofia Theologou (Vienna)

Evangelos Tsigaridas (Thessaloniki)

Accommodation in Vienna and one group dinner will be provided for all participants. Travel costs cannot be covered.

Applicants are invited to submit the following materials:

- curriculum vitae
- recommendation letter from their PhD supervisor
- research proposal (approximately 500–800 words) outlining the topic to be discussed at the workshop

Please send all application materials in PDF format by **5 March 2026** to Sofia Theologou ([sof.theologou@gmail.com](mailto:sof.theologou@gmail.com)) and Evangelos Tsigaridas ([tsigevan@lit.auth.gr](mailto:tsigevan@lit.auth.gr)).

For any questions or further information, do not hesitate to contact us at the email addresses given above. The results of the selection will be announced **in May 2026**.

We look forward to receiving your submissions!