

Greek Core: Aristophanes' *Clouds* (Weeks 5-8, TT 2025)

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These four lectures focus on Aristophanes' *Clouds*, with reflections on other Greek Core texts and related material. They are aimed at Lit Hum and Classics JS students taking this paper in Finals, but all are very welcome to attend: graduate students working on Athenian drama and/or intellectual culture might find things to interest them, and first-year Classics and CAAH undergraduates taking Aristophanes' Political Comedy in Mods/Prelims might enjoy getting to know another great Aristophanic play from the same period. The sequence is as follows:

Week 5: -- Clouds of Glory: Play, Poet, Parabasis, and Performance

Week 6: -- The Gathering of the Clouds: The Chorus, the Phrontisterion, and the Sophists

Week 7: -- Head in the Clouds? Aristophanes' Socrates (and Plato's)

Week 8: -- Death in the Clouds? Comedy, Tragedy, and the Finale

Questions are very welcome (afterwards, or by e-mail: guy.westwood@classics.ox.ac.uk). Recordings of the lectures will be available after the Faculty embargo period via the Panopto folder for this paper, but attendance in person is strongly encouraged. Please e-mail me for a copy of the handout (available week by week) if you can't come to a particular lecture.

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