

Latin Texts: Language and Style

These four lectures will examine the language and style of the Latin authors set for the New Mods and Prelims syllabus and will endeavour to relate these matters to bigger questions in the history of the Latin language, the literary form adopted, and the context in which the works were read and performed. The passages chosen for special attention come from the prescription set for all three language streams and for students studying Classics and English or Classics and Modern Languages for Prelims (hence both Plautus and Terence in Week 5). They are as follows:

Week 5: Plautus, *Menaechmi* 226-264 and Terence, *Adelphoe* 855-881

Week 6: Catullus 68.41-140

Week 7: Ovid, *Metamorphoses* 8.611-724

Week 8: Seneca, *Epistles* 47.1-9

These lectures will not be recorded but handouts will be placed on Canvas. Students who have any special needs are invited to contact Prof. Leigh at matthew.leigh@st-annes.ox.ac.uk.