



The Relationship between Poetry and Prose in Medieval Times (11th – 15th c.)

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Ἰκὸν ἀγαλλασσασεν ἐν μνήμῃ φῆσον,
 ἀστὸς ἀν' ἑλπίδος, ἀν' ἔσμος ἀν' αὐτοχθων,
 τὸν ἀν' ἄνοιον μὲν κ' ἐν τῷ τῆς εἰζης.
 Τηνδὸν γὰρ αὐδὸξ μὲν αὐτοῖς ἔσποισ.
 πῶς οὐδ' ἀποχῶ τὰς ἑορὰς τῶν ἰσχυρῶν.
 ὡτ' κ' νομτ' κ' νομ ἢ γὰρ πημενον σφῆδον,
 ἔμῳν πῶρ ἰσχυρῶν πῶρ δ' ἔμῳν μου,
 ἔφ' ἑλπίδος φῶς· καθῶν· ἀν' ἑλπίδος· σκόπῃς·
 ὅρῳ μὲν αὐτῶν, ὡτ' ἄφω πῶρ κ' ἔμῳν μου.
 Ἰαὐτῶν περὶ τὸν ἔμῳν γὰρ ἔμῳν ὁ δὲ μὲν ἴσος, καὶ οὐκ ἔμῳν
 ἔμῳν βραμῆν ἴσος ἔμῳν πῶρ ἰσχυρῶν τῶν ἰσχυρῶν, ἔφ' ἑλπίδος μου
 ἔμῳν τῶν ἰσχυρῶν· ἔμῳν πῶρ ἴσος, ἀλλ' ἔμῳν πῶρ ἰσχυρῶν
 τῶν ἰσχυρῶν ἔμῳν ἴσος, καὶ ἔμῳν πῶρ ἴσος ἔμῳν πῶρ ἴσος.

Programme

10:30 Reception

10:45 Welcoming Address and Introduction

Nikos Zagklas (University of Vienna/University of Zurich)

11:00 Session 1

Chair: Krystina Kubina (Austrian Academy of Sciences)

Vessela Valiavitcharska (University of Maryland)

On Beauty

Julian Bertola (University of Ghent/Princeton University)

Verse Marginalia in Byzantine Manuscripts of Prose Texts

12:30 Lunch Break

14:00 Session 2

Chair: Elvira Wakelnig (University of Vienna)

Dominic Parviz Brookshaw (University of Oxford)

Strung Gems vs Scattered Pearls: The Superiority of Poetry over Prose in Medieval Iran

Nicola Carpentieri (University of Padua)

Arabic Poetry in Norman Sicily: Affecting Social Spaces through the Spoken Word

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 Session 3

Chair: Christophe Erismann (University of Vienna)

Rogelio Toledo (University of Vienna)

Didactic Poetry in Twelfth-Century Byzantium: The Poem of John Tzetzes on Porphyry's Isagogi

Floriane Goy (University of Geneva)

From Poetry to Philosophy: On the Didactic Function of Some Twelfth-Century Latin Poems

17:30 Roundtable discussion and conclusion

19:30 Dinner for invited guests

All sessions take place in the lecture hall of the Department of Byzantine and Modern Greek Studies of the University of Vienna: Postgasse 9, 1010 Vienna.

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