

New Perspectives on Cicero's De Amicitia

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2-3 October 2026

School of Philosophy, Conference Room, Gallos, Rethymnon

Speakers

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Amicitia aequalitas / Amicus alter ipse

French pen-and-ink drawing early 16th Century, Courtesy National Gallery of Art, Washington

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Programme

Friday, 02/10/2026

- 09.00-09.15 Opening Remarks
- 9.15-10.15 **Katharina Volk** (*Columbia University*)
Cicero's *Laelius*
- 10.15-11.15 **Gernot Michael Müller** (*University of Bonn*)
The structure of Cicero's *Laelius* and its relation to his former dialogues
- 11.15-11.45 Coffee Break
- 11.45-12.45 **Gabriel Evangelou** (*Ionian University*)
Theory and Practice in Cicero's *De amicitia*: friendship, lived experience, and reconciliation
- 13.00-15.00 Lunch
- 15.15-16.15 **Georgia Tsouni** (*University of Crete*)
Wisdom, Exempla and Friendship in *De Amicitia*
- 16.15-17.15 **Margaret Graver** (*Dartmouth College*)
Doing a Friend a Favor: Cicero and the Greco-Roman Code of Supererogation
- 20.00 Dinner at Galera Restaurant

Saturday, 03/10/2026

- 9.00-10.00 **Thornton Lockwood** (*University of Florida*)
Cicero on the Duties of Friendship
- 10.00-11.00 **Yelena Baraz** (*Princeton University*)
How to Lose Friends and Influence People
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee Break
- 11.30-12.30 **Sean McConnell** (*University of Otago*)
Inimicitiae and Civil Strife in *De Amicitia*
- 12.30-13.30 **Nathan Gilbert** (*University of Durham*)
Cicero's *De Amicitia* in China
- 13.30-13.45 Closing Remarks