

Call for Participation
Transmitting Classical Knowledge in a Modern World
(1st NordClass Conference)

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The interest in the classical world is ever growing. The study of archaeology, ancient history, philology, literature, reception studies, and so on, all continue to expand our knowledge about ancient Greece and Rome. At the same time, modern society presents changing expectations and pressures on the scholarly community, to communicate this knowledge in different ways. There is, today, a growing need to present and popularize ones finds to meet a general audience. New technical advances also alter the way in which these subjects may be taught.

In the light of this, we invite scholars from all over the Nordic countries, involved in all fields and with all aspects concerning the study of the classical world, to discuss present and future challenges, and alternating methods, in presenting and teaching in our modern society. Eminent scholars in the study of the classical world abound in all of the Nordic countries, but while international connections are aplenty, we find that we are often wont to neglect the presence of scholars in our close proximity. We believe that the vicinity and the cultural similarity of these countries will form a fruitful ground for discussions concerning present issues and challenges concerning the study of the ancient world, in all its different aspects.

We are also interested to initiate a discussion concerning the establishment of a formal Nordic network dealing with these topics. We believe that a formally organized association, aimed at forming and aiding intra-Nordic exchanges, can help to promote and strengthen regional profiles and research interests, while at the same time furthering international connections.

Plenary speakers:

Dr Peter Jones; writer, journalist and broadcaster - *on the popularisation of Classics*

Dr Cajsa Sjöberg, lecturer (Lund) - *on teaching Latin to a modern audience*

Dr Emma Stafford, senior lecturer (Leeds) - *on the history and organisation of the Classical Association, UK*

In order to promote the networking aspects of the meeting, the conference will consist of a range of moderated panel discussions devoted to various themes. Suggested themes relating to the over-all question of transmitting and popularizing our knowledge of the classical world are:

New media teaching methods	Present day teaching of Latin and Greek
Publication: modern pathways	Teaching in the field: field courses on the move
Popularization: who and where and to whom?	Introductory Internet courses

Additional themes, aimed at incorporating shared Nordic research interests are:

Epigraphy in context	Civil war in Ancient Greece and Rome
Ancient literature and papyri	Ancient Pilgrimage
Urban archaeology/urban studies (incl. Pompeii)	Child history
Early Christianity and Late Antiquity	Reception studies

Suggestions for other themes are most welcome. Please check the web page for regular updates.

We invite speakers to notify their interest to take part in one or several panel sessions, whether as panel speaker or as audience, with a short description of their research interest, or point of view, in relation to the chosen theme. Descriptions (word or pdf), detailing name, position and home institution, and consisting of no more than 100 words, should be sent to: nordclass@gu.se.

Deadline for submitting suggestions for new panel themes: March 31st.
Deadline for notification of interest for the discussion panels: May 26th.

For more information, please see <http://sprak.gu.se/forskning/nordclass/>