

Rostocker Altertumswissenschaftliches Kolloquium

Das Heinrich Schliemann-Institut für Altertumswissenschaften der Universität Rostock und die Rostocker Freunde der Altertumswissenschaften e.V. laden zu folgender Vortragsveranstaltung ein:

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What's in a name? Vocatives in the speeches of Homer and Quintus

One of the hallmarks of Homeric speech is the proper name-vocative. Interlocutors are almost invariably addressed with their name, usually at the beginning of a speech, but often also in the course of it. The absence of a vocative is rare and hence effective, as Samuel Bassett showed already many years ago in *AJPh* 1934.

Looking at Quintus' speeches with this Homeric model in mind, one is struck by the much smaller role played by proper name-vocatives: speeches often lack a vocative altogether, and if they have a vocative, general ones (type 'friends' or 'dear one') are much more frequent than names.

In my paper I will first briefly discuss some aspects of Homer's use of the vocative, a topic for which no recent, systematic study is available. When and why do we find which type of vocative? I will then compare the Homeric model with what we find in Quintus. And I will end by suggesting an explanation for the decline of the name-vocative in Quintus.

Der Vortrag findet als Hybrid-Veranstaltung mit anschließendem Empfang im Rahmen des DICES-Workshops am Heinrich Schliemann-Institut statt.

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