The Return of the Golden Age

Workshop of the Anchoring Innovation WP 6 (Reception of Antiquity)

Organisers: Susanna de Beer & Louis Verreth

Friday, 25 June 2021, via Zoom

12.15: Zoom open

12.45-13.45: Session 1 – Antiquity [Chair: Annet den Haan (UU)]
Alexander Egorov (UU) – The Reign of Kypris: Empedocles' Account of the Golden Age and Its Ancient Receptions
Wouter Maassen (UU) – Hellenistic court poetry: kings as bringers of a new golden age
[10 minutes discussion in breakout rooms]
Hans Smolenaars – Golden Ages in Vergil
Matthew Payne (UL) – Calpurnius Siculus: anchoring a Golden Age in the Golden Age that never was
Reinier Langerak – The Age of the Antonines: Cassius Dio's Golden Age Rhetoric
[10 minutes discussion in breakout rooms]
[15 minutes plenary discussion]

15 minutes break

14.00-15.00: Session 2 – Medieval and Early Modern [Chair: Koen Vacano (UvA)]
Els Rose (UU) – Orbis terrarum – orbis christianus
Annet den Haan (UU): Patronage discourse: the return of the Golden Age under Pope Nicholas V (r. 1447-1455)
Louis Verreth (UL): Lorenzo the Magnificent's Revival of Augustus' Golden Age in Neo-Latin Poetry
[10 minutes discussion in breakout rooms]
David Rijser (RUG/UvA): The Coryciana and Augustan literature
Ruben Poelstra (UL): <i>Iam redit et Virgo</i> : the return of Virgil's Golden Age in Sannazaro's <i>De</i> Partu Virginis
[10 minutes discussion in breakout rooms]
[15 minutes plenary discussion]

Break

15.15-16.10: Session 3 – Modern and Contemporary [Chair: Nicolò Bettegazzi (RUG)]
Koen Vacano (UvA) – Golden Ages in Galaxies Far, Far Away
Nicholas de Sutter (KU Leuven) – <i>Resurrectio</i> and <i>Risorgimento</i> : the Italian Unification as a New Golden Age in Neo-Latin Literature
[10 minutes discussion in breakout rooms]
Susanna de Beer (UL) – The Return of the Renaissance in Modern Europe: another Rebirth of Antiquity?
Roelie Kuijpers (UU) – References to Greco-Roman antiquity and Middle Ages by contemporary radical and far-right groups in Europe in support of their Dark and Golden Age ideology
[10 minutes discussion in breakout rooms]
[15 minutes plenary discussion]

Break

16.30-17.15: Drinks and concluding brainstorm session

Breakout room discussion

Plenary discussion and conclusion