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# Cicero and the Law

Nature, Politics, and Philosophy

*New Perspectives on De legibus*



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# Programme

LECTURAE CICERONIS III · 19–21 MARCH 2026

## Thursday, 19th March

9:30–11:00

### Conference Opening

*Chair: Spyridon Tzounakas, The University of Cyprus*

GREETINGS

**Georgios Xenis**, *Chairman, Dept of Classics & Philosophy, The University of Cyprus*

**Costas Paraskeva**, *Chairman, Dept of Law, The University of Cyprus*

WELCOME ADDRESS

**Ermanno Malaspina**, *SIAC & Patrum Lumen Sustine Foundation*

### Session I — Prologue

**Giuseppe La Bua**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*

*From Poetry to Philosophy: Fictionality, 'Fake Truths' and Sapientia in Cicero's De legibus*

**George Vassiliades**, *The University of Cyprus*

*History in Philosophy: Historiographical Perspectives in Cicero's De legibus*

*Coffee Pause*

11:00–11:30

11:30–13:00

### Session II — Literary Approaches

*Chair: Charles Guérin, Sorbonne Université, Paris*

**Simone Mollea**, *Universität Basel*

*Self-Reference and Authorial Programme in Cicero's De legibus*

**Elisa Della Calce**, *Università di Torino*

*Past and Present in Cicero's De legibus: An Investigation of Historical References and Exempla*

**Amedeo A. Raschieri**, *Università degli Studi di Milano*

*Between otium and negotium: the subsicua tempora from Cicero's De legibus to Aulus Gellius*

*Lunch & Pause*

13:00–14:00

14:00–19:00

*Excursion to Archaeological Venues*

20:00

*Conference Dinner*

## Friday, 20th March

9:30–11:00

### Session III — Philosophy

*Chair: Margot Neger, The University of Cyprus*

**Jula Wildberger**, *American University of Paris*

*The Reception of a Stoic Argument by Cicero (Leg. 1.22-23, SVF 3.339) and Marcus Aurelius (4.4)*

**Georgia Tsouni**, *University of Crete*

*Anti-Epicureanism in Cicero's De legibus*

**Matilde Oliva**, *Università di Firenze*

*Cicerone storico della filosofia nel De legibus*

*Coffee Pause*

11:00–11:30

11:30–13:30

### Session IV — Law

*Chair: Konstantinos Tsinas, The University of Cyprus*

**Paul J. Du Plessis**, *The University of Edinburgh*

*Law in Theory and in Practice: Reading Cicero's De legibus as a Statement of Intent*

**Evangelos Adam**, *Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München*

*(Dis-)Engaging the Reader: Cicero's Framing of Legal Discourse in De legibus 1*

**Ana Kotarcic**, *Universität Zürich*

*The Linchpin of Law: Justice as Mediator in Cicero's De legibus*

**Georgios Orfanidis & Nikitas E. Hatzimihail**, *The University of Cyprus*

*Reading Between the Lines of Law: Communicative Ethics, Civic Identity, and the Sacred in Cicero's De legibus*

*Lunch & Pause*

13:30–14:00

14:00–16:30

*Guided Visit to the Cyprus Museum*

17:00–18:30

### Session V — Reception

*Chair: Ermanno Malaspina, Société Internationale des Amis de Cicéron*

**Ioannis Deligiannis**, *Democritus University of Thrace*

*Cicero's De legibus and the Greek World: From Ancient Silence to Its Twenty-First-Century Translation*

**Stefano Rozzi**, *Università di Torino*

*Cicero and Machiavelli: the Shaping Power of Law*

**Tomás Pinto Bravo**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*

*Conditio iuris et imperii: from Cicero's De legibus to Osorio's De Iustitia*

18:30–19:00

### Session VI — Final Discussion

**Adalberto Magnavacca**, *The University of Cyprus*

20:00

*Conference Dinner*

## Saturday, 21st March

10:00–18:00

*Excursion to Archaeological Venues*

