



HERCULANEUM Contexts Present Progress Future Prospects

13-14 October
2025

Senate House
Chancellor's Hall

Registration link

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A conference jointly sponsored by
The Herculaneum Society
The American Friends of Herculaneum
Parco Archeologico di Ercolano / Packard
Humanities Institute,
The Institute of Classical Studies,
University of London, on the occasion of
the 21st anniversary of the founding of the
Herculaneum Society
with generous support from the
School of Advanced Study, University of
London, and the
Faculty of Classics, University of Oxford.

*Please note that lunches are not provided by the
conference. A list of local lunch options is available
Please email classics@sas.ac.uk

Day 1

9:30–10:15 **Registration and Welcome**

10.15–10.30 **Welcome and introduction**

Prof. Robert Fowler

Chair, The Herculaneum Society

Dr Kathryn Tempest

Acting Director, Institute of Classical
Studies

Prof. Carol Mattusch

Chair, The American Friends of
Herculaneum

10:30–12:00 **Archaeology**

Chaired by Prof. Robert Fowler

Dr Francesco Sirano

Museo Archeologico Nazionale di
Napoli
(Ex Parco Archeologico di Ercolano)
'Herculaneum 2017-2025'

Dr Ascanio D'Andrea

Herculaneum Conservation Project
'Digital Herculaneum'

Dr Kenneth Lapatin

Getty Museum, Pacific Palisades CA
'Virtual Reconstruction of the Seaside
Pavilion (Villa of the Papyri)'

12:00–12:30 **General meeting**

Information session about the Friends
of Herculaneum: all welcome

12:30–2:30 **Lunch***

2:30–4:00 **Papyrology**

Chaired by Prof. Roger Macfarlane

Dr Federica Nicolardi

University of Naples 'Federico II'
'The Herculaneum Society/A.W. Mellon
Foundation Imaging Project'

Prof. Richard Janko

University of Michigan
'What else can new technology tell us
about the Herculaneum papyri and
those from elsewhere?'

Prof. Brent Seales

University of Kentucky
'The Vesuvius Challenge'

4:00–5:30 **Refreshments**

Day 2

10:30–12:00 **Reception I**

Chaired by Dr Maria Toscano

Prof. Clare Lees

Institute of English Studies, School of
Advanced Study
'Speculative Memories of Buried
Vesuvian Cities in Early Medieval
Europe'

Prof. Carol Mattusch

George Mason University and Chair of
the American Friends of Herculaneum
'Before the Papyri: Publishing the
Earliest Finds from Herculaneum'

Prof. Noah Heringman

University of Missouri
'Winckelmann in Naples'

12:00–1:30 **Lunch***

1:30–3:00 **Reception II**

Chaired by Prof. Carol Mattusch

Dr Maria Toscano

Warburg Institute, London
'The role of Enlightened Church and
Masonry in the diffusion of Pantheism:
Towards a modern approach to the
study of the remains of ancient Vesuvian
cities (18-19th century)'

Prof. Alain Schnapp

University of Paris I, Pantheon-Sorbonne
'How did the discovery of buried
Vesuvian cities change the practice of
Antiquarianism?'

Dr Domenico Pino

Direzione Generale dei Musei
'*Simboli insieme e prove dell'Istoria*:
studying, representing, and collecting
geological specimens in eighteenth-
century Naples'.

3:00–4:00 **Refreshments**

4:00–5:00 **Roundtable discussion**

Future prospects at Herculaneum:
archaeology, papyrology,
interdisciplinarity and the Parco.