STUDYING THE CLASSICAL WORLD  
Wednesday 22nd June 10.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m.  
Boiler House Lecture Theatre,  
Royal Holloway, Egham, Surrey TW20 0EX

10.30 a.m.  
Registration and welcome

10.35-11.20 a.m.  
Stories for boys: good girls, bad girls in Ovid’s *Metamorphoses*  
Dr. Efi Spentzou, Senior Lecturer in Latin  
Ovid has been called sympathetic to women. Others see a misogynistic element running through his work. Whatever our position, the Ovidian corpus is full of opportunities for discussion of the dynamics of power between men and women. In this workshop I shall help you through some intriguing stories from Ovid’s rule-bending epic, the *Metamorphoses*, and you will have the chance to debate Ovid’s presentation of the role, fate, and relationships of the female leads in them.

11.20-11.45 a.m. Refreshments

11.45 a.m.-12.30 p.m.  
Taking comedy seriously  
Dr. Nick Lowe, Reader in Greek Literature  
Comedy is one of the most familiar cultural inventions of the ancient world, and yet its very workings are a minefield of myths and misunderstandings. This session draws on current work in the psychology of humour to explain what comedy does, why it matters, and how the experiments and innovations of ancient comedians changed the game in ways that are still with us today.

12.30-2.00 p.m. Lunch Break  
You can bring a packed lunch, or purchase sandwiches and drinks from a variety of venues across the campus. Student ambassadors will be on hand to show you around our impressive campus.

1.00-2.00 p.m. Mini Campus Tour with Student Ambassadors (optional)
2.00-2.45 p.m.
‘What should we tell the children?’: Plato on moral education
Professor Anne Sheppard, Professor of Ancient Philosophy
In Plato’s Protagoras the sophist after whom the dialogue is named tells a story about the origins of morality which implies that everyone has the potential to learn how to be a good citizen. In this session we will analyse the key portion of Protagoras’ speech and discuss its implications for both ancient and modern ideas about moral education.

2.45-3.30 p.m.
Studying the Classical World at University & its Career Opportunities: a Q&A session
Dr. Richard Hawley, Senior Lecturer in Classics
This session will explain how studying classical culture at university level differs from studying at school/college. It will also explore the wealth of career opportunities for those with classical culture degrees and give all those present an opportunity to ask questions of Dr. Hawley and the student ambassadors, for example about application procedures, degree content and student experience.

The Boiler House is in the middle of the campus, no.14 on the Campus Plan, downloadable from http://www.royalholloway.ac.uk/aboutus/locationmap/home.aspx

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