Ankündigung und Einladung zum Vortrag und Workshop mit

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10 Uhr c.t. Vortrag, OS75/S2 – R. 210

**Labouring for Truth in Thucydides**

This paper takes as its starting point the criticism of the many that Thucydides makes in his proem, namely that, instead of laboring themselves to find out the truth about the past, they accept whatever account they find to hand. It argues that Thucydides has very consciously created an account that strived to become the one ‘to hand’, to which future readers will turn, and at the same time one that has indirectly warned his readers that they will need to do their own labour in examining the events he records if they are to avoid becoming like the many. It takes as a case study his handling of the Athenian plague to demonstrate the kind of labour Thucydides’ text requires if one is going to arrive at a true (or at least truer) account of the past.

18 Uhr c.t. Workshop – LS8 - R. 501

Kolloquium zur Gräzistik und Wissensforschung der Antike

**Thucydides’ Delian Digression (3.104)**

This paper offers a close examination of a single paragraph in Thucydides, his lengthy account of the Athenians’ renewal of the Delian festival in 426 BC, arguing that the aim of this digression is to divert readers’ attention away from considering both the immediate reasons behind the event it narrates, and also more generally Athens’ treatment of Delos. It is an exercise in close reading that reveals fundamental aspects of Thucydides’ rhetoric and bias.

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