Spectral Cartographies: Haunting and Greco-Roman Antiquity

12-13 April, 2024

Princeton University, Department of Classics
Organizers: Paul Eberwine, Aditi Rao

Day 1: Friday, April 12

Location: Louis A. Simpson Building, Room A71

The Interstitial: Transmission, Reception, and Haunting

9:00-9:30 AM: Coffee, welcome, introductions

9:30-10:30 AM:

“The Hauntology of Left Melancholia: Spectres of Helen in the Poetry of Yannis Ritsos” (Alexia Wang, Harvard University)

“Spectral Ontologies, Plato’s Cave, and Emir Kusturica’s Underground” (Zina Giannopoulou, University of California, Irvine)

10:30-10:45 AM: Break

10:45-11:45 AM:

“ ’Around this Sea Must Our Souls Steer’: Mediterranean Polarities at 1900” (Peter Makhlouf, Princeton University)

“Between Elf and Incubus: Latinity as Haunt” (Dan-el Padilla Peralta, Princeton University)

11:45-1:00 PM: Lunch, break

The Local: Haunting in Greco-Roman Antiquities

1:00-2:00 PM:

“Mines and Manes in Latin Poetry” (Del A. Maticic, Vassar College)

“The Text that Ate People — Describing Proscription in (Post)modernity and Antiquity” (Sophia Härberle, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

2:00-2:15 PM: Break
2:15-3:15 PM:

“The Disruptive Power of Deep Time in Classical Literature” (James Taylor, Colby College)

“Haunted Plato” (Karen Bassi, University of California, Santa Cruz)

7:00-9:00 PM: Dinner. Prentice Library, Department of Classics, East Pyne Building.

Day 2: Saturday, April 13

Location: Laura Wooten Hall, Room 301

The Planetary: Haunting as a Relationship to the Past

9:00-9:30 AM: Coffee, breakfast

9:30-10:30 AM:

“Building a New (Haunted) Ancient World” (Giovanni Lovisetto, Columbia University)

“The Bones Come Back: Secondary Burial as a Reorientation of Greek Relationships with the Still-present Dead” (Savannah Marquadt, Yale University)

10:30-10:45 AM: Break

10:45-11:45 AM:

“The Silence of the Dead” (Cole Phelps, Oxford University)

“Specters of Medusa” (Andrés Henao Castro, University of Massachusetts, Boston)

11:45-1:30 PM: Lunch, break

1:30-3:00 PM: Closing discussion

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