



# The Sophistic Renaissance

Authors, Texts, Interpretations

Morning session

9:00-13:00

**Teodoro Katinis / Luigi Perissinotto**

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Opening Remarks / Welcome  
and Introduction

**Eric MacPhail**

Indiana University Bloomington

*Peri Theon: The Renaissance  
Confronts the Gods*

**Lodi Nauta**

University of Groningen

*Humanists on Sophistic Arguments*

10:30 - Coffee break

**Leo Catana**

University of Copenhagen

*Marsilio Ficino's Commentary  
on Plato's Gorgias*

**Marco Munarini**

University of Padua

*Rhetoric's Demiurgy: from Synesius of Cyrene  
to Marsilio Ficino and Pico della Mirandola*

Discussion session

13:00 - Lunch break

Afternoon session

14:00-19:00

**Marc van der Poel**

Radboud University

*The Greek Sophistical Tradition in Rudolph  
Agricola's De Inventione Dialectica and beyond*

**Stefano Gulizia**

Independent Scholar

*Atticismus and Antagonism: Greek  
Antiquarianism, Scholarly Networks, and  
the Career of the Sophist Alcidamas in  
Renaissance Italy*

16:30 - Coffee break

**Jorge Ledo**

University of Basel

*From Wit to Shit. Notes for a (Emotional)  
Lexicon of Sophistry in the Renaissance*

**Teodoro Katinis**

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Closing Remarks: Enhancing Research on the  
Sophistic Traditions in the Renaissance

Discussion session

Discussants:

Eugene Afonasin (Novosibirsk University),

Christopher Celenza (Johns Hopkins  
University), Glenn Most (SNS Pisa), Carlo

Natali (Ca' Foscari University Venice), Luigi

Perissinotto (Ca' Foscari University Venice)

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