



MULTILINGUALISM IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

Friday, 16th May
5.30pm for a 5.45pm start

Europe House, 32 Smith Square, London SW1P 3EU

The European Commission Representation in the UK, in partnership with All Souls College, University of Oxford, cordially invite you to *Multilingualism in the Ancient World*, the third language and culture symposium to mark the Greek Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the upcoming transfer of the Presidency to Italy.

Dr Alex Mullen, All Souls College, University of Oxford, will welcome you to an evening celebrating Ancient Greek and its relationship with other languages and cultures. Multilingualism is not only a phenomenon of our modern world. Though we might often think of the Classical World as exclusively Greek and Latin speaking, the reality is much more complex. Four interdisciplinary experts will showcase ancient multilingualism through exploration of a range of evidence from hotspots of linguistic diversity.

After the discussion, try wine specially commissioned for the Greek presidency, courtesy of the Greek Embassy in London, accompanied by Greek delicacies. This event is open to everyone; whether you are a novice or a seasoned expert in Greek language and culture.

Tickets are free of charge, but there are limited numbers available. Secure your place today by sending an email to agnieszka.piel@ext.ec.europa.eu

This event is presented in association with the Hellenic Foundation for Culture, UK.



PROGRAMME

5.45 – 7PM

WELCOME ADDRESS

Dr Angeliki Petrits, Language Officer, European Commission

Dr Victoria Solomonidis, Minister Counsellor (Cultural Affairs), Embassy of Greece

PRESENTATIONS

An introduction to ancient multilingualism

Alex Mullen, University of Oxford

Greek, Latin and other languages in Ancient Italy

James Clackson, University of Cambridge

Greek, Latin and other languages in Ancient Egypt

Arietta Papaconstantinou, University of Reading

Greek, Latin and other languages in the Ancient East

Rachel Mairs, University of Reading

7 – 7.30PM

DISCUSSION

Chaired by Alex Mullen

7.30 – 8.30PM

RECEPTION