



NEW APPROACHES TO CICERO'S TUSCULAN DISPUTATIONS BOOKS ONE AND TWO

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Thursday, 24th September

9.00–9.30 AM Gernot Michael Müller (Bonn) & Jörn Müller (Würzburg)
Introduction

I. Cicero's techniques of philosophical argumentation and his treatment of philosophical authorities in the *Tusculan Disputations*

9.30–10.30 AM Sophie Aubert-Baillet (Lille)
The Forms of Philosophical Expression in the first and second book of Cicero's *Tusculan Disputations*

10.30–11.00 AM Coffee Break

11.00 AM–12.00 PM Peter Osorio (Harvard)
Plato's Authority and Plato the Author in *Tusculanae Disputationes* 1–2

12.00–1.00 PM Leo Trotz-Liboff (Bonn)
Cicero's Second Sailing: On *Tusculanae Disputationes* 1

1.00–2.30 PM Lunch Break

II. The Roman background of the *Tusculans* and their relationship to Cicero's political convictions

2.30–3.30 PM Catalina Balmaceda (Santiago de Chile)
Cicero on *virtus*: the philosopher and the politician

3.30–4.00 PM Coffee Break

4.00–5.00 PM Johannes Sedlmeyr (Bochum)

The Role of Roman *exempla* in the first and second Book of Cicero's *Tusculanae Disputationes*

Friday, 25th September

III. The ethical concerns of *Tusculan Disputations* 1 and 2

9.00–10.00 AM Sabine Luciani (Aix-en-Provence)

The first Book of Cicero's *Tusculan Disputations* and the Consolatory Tradition

10.00–11.00 AM Stefan Röttig (Kiel)

Either virtue or pain. *Tusculans* 2 as a paradigm for Cicero's skeptical virtue ethics

11.00–11.30 AM Coffee Break

11.30 AM–12.30 PM Domenico Morelli (Bonn)

Stoic *dolor* in *Tusculans* 2: a literary and philosophical introspection on grief

12.30 AM–1.00 PM **Closing Discussion**



Titelbild: Joseph Mallord William Turner: Cicero at his Villa
(Sammlung Evelyn de Rothschild, Ascott Estate, Buckinghamshire, UK)

Gestaltung: Susanne Koloska



Conference Location

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