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2025–2026 MEETINGS

September 18 — *The Rhetoric of Power: The Words of a Tyrant*
Martina Russo, Columbia University

October 16 — *The Greatest Stories Ever Told: Reading Pagan Myth in Christian Constantinople*
Tim Whitmarsh, Cambridge University (United Kingdom)

November 20 — *Aristotle on the Value of Comedy*
Pierre Destrée, University of Louvain (Belgium)

January 22 — *Aristotle on the Interpretation of Dreams*
Mirjam Kotwick, Princeton University

February 26 — *Greeks and Other Achaemenids: Pivots of the Fifth Century BCE*
Reviel Netz, Stanford University

March 26 — *Bad Romans*
Greg Woolf, New York University

April 16 — *Atlantic Georgics: Enslaved Labor in Eighteenth-Century Spanish, Portuguese and British America*
Erica Valdivieso, Yale University

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