

Call for papers for the volume 19 (2019) of *Methodos*

Guest Editors Leone Gazziero and Carla Di Martino invite submission of papers to be published in « Saying and Meaning in Ancient and Late Ancient Arts of Language », the forthcoming issue of *Methodos*, the online review of the research unit « Savoirs, Textes, Langage » (UMR 8163 – CNRS, Université de Lille) (<http://methodos.revues.org>)

Saying and Meaning in Ancient and Late Ancient Arts of Language

« What are linguistic signs and why do we need them ? »

« How do they mean what they mean ? »

« What effects do they have and what precautions are called for when we avail ourselves of them in order to convey our thoughts and feelings, argue with other people or try to influence their behaviour in some way or another ? »

Such and similar issues, whose roots go back at least as far as Plato and Aristotle (and arguably beyond), have been instrumental in determining what questions ancient philosophers and other language specialists asked about linguistic signs, their meaning and their uses. Through debates whose emphasis shifted back and forth between logic, grammar, rhetoric and theology, ancient understanding of what it takes for a linguistic expression to be meaningful has come in a variety of ways. Therefore, papers will focus on linguistic ideas and patterns Greek and Latin authors implemented in order to account for meaning as either a property of linguistic expressions, or a correlate of contents of thought, or else as a product of communication practices. Within the chronological boundaries of Classical and Late Antiquity, the range of issues open to discussion is deliberately broad and propositions' focus may be either physical (linguistic signs have a materiality and a physiology of their own), morphological (typologies of parts of speech have been put forward by philosophers and grammarians alike) semantic (meaning, reference and everything that falls between), psychological (the actual handling of signs in its intellectual and affective dimension) or pragmatic (usage situations of linguistic expressions, both successful and biased).

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSAL

Contributions Proposals (2500 characters) will be sent electronically, in Word and PDF formats writing to Bernard Sève (bernard.seve@univ-lille3.fr) and Florence Thill (florence.thill@univ-lille3.fr)

Deadline on January 10th 2018

Accepted languages : French, German, Italian, English.

SUBMISSION OF PAPERS

Once a proposal has been accepted, the authors will send their text in accordance with the guidelines described under « Conditions de publication et instructions aux auteurs » on the review's website (<http://methodos.revues.org/2124>).

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