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Francesca Iurlaro:

Lessons from shepherds –
Alberico Gentili's *Lectionis Virgilianae
Variae Liber ad Robertum filium* (1603)

The Italian jurist Alberico Gentili (1552-1608) has been defined a 'humanist' in various occasions. However, the appreciation of his humanism (if not even the understanding of what it really consists of) has always been mediated by his reputation as a legal scholar. In this talk, I will address the wider significance of Gentili's humanism by taking into account one of his, to-date neglected, humanistic works, the *Lectionis Virgilianae Variae Liber ad Robertum filium*, published in Hanau in 1603 by Wilhelm Antonius. I will provide an interpretation of this text along the four main thematic areas it explores: the political and legal significance of the allegory of shepherds, the pedagogy of poetic imitation, the role of grammar and legal etymology in the education of boys, and the anthropological and theological question of what it really means to be *human*.

Gianmario Cattaneo:

Nicolaus Scutellius' *Pletho in Aristotelem*:
text and context

The so-called Plato-Aristotle controversy was one of the most important Renaissance debates regarding ancient philosophy, and, even though it exploded in the beginning of the 15th century, it continued throughout the following century. Among the most significant works realized in the Cinquecento, there is Nicolaus Scutellius' *Pletho in Aristotelem*: it consists in a heavily revised and augmented translation of the book which is considered the opening salvo of the Plato-Aristotle controversy, the *De differentiis Platonis et Aristotelis* by George Gemistus Pletho. In my presentation, I will focus on the context and the text of this treatise, which was produced at the crossroad of Platonism, Medieval philosophy and Modern thought.

Date and Venue:

Monday, 3rd December 2018, 6.00-7.30pm
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