Call for Papers

Greek Epic and Artificial Intelligence

International Online Conference
University of Oslo
Friday 25 & Saturday 26 September 2020

The Research Group *Novel and Epic, Ancient and Modern* in the Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and Ideas (IFIKK) at the University of Oslo is pleased to issue a Call for Papers for our International Online Conference **Greek Epic and Artificial Intelligence**. Submissions are invited from academics in Classics and related disciplines. The conference will be held on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 September 2020 on Zoom and will be open to the general public.

We aim to explore early Artificial Intelligence concepts in Greek Epic and to look at how Hesiod, Homer and Apollonius Rhodius – and potentially authors of the fragmentary epics – have elaborated on what seem to be some of the first literary texts dealing with automata and the quest for artificial life as well as technological intervention improving the human life. We are equally interested in the reception of these in later/contemporary literature and culture.

Confirmed Speakers include:
- Maria Gerolemou | University of Exeter
  Hephaestus' Automata in Homer and Beyond
- Genevieve Liveley | University of Bristol
  Talos
- Adrienne Mayor | Stanford University
  Pandora, Made Not Born
- Brett M. Rogers | University of Puget Sound
  Robo-Dogs, Artificial Intelligence, and Self-Rule in Homer and Archaic Greece
- Nick Lowe | Royal Holloway, University of London
  Prometheus, or The Ancient Frankenstein

Papers should last no longer than 25mins and each will be followed by a 10min discussion. Please submit titled abstracts of no more than 200 words by emailing a pdf attachment to both organisers *by Wednesday 22 July 2020* (23.59 CEST): **Dr Andriana Domouzi** (andrianadomouzi@gmail.com) and **Prof. Silvio Bär** (silvio.baer@ifikk.uio.no); please include name, affiliation and a short bio in a different attachment. Abstracts will be reviewed anonymously and submitters will be notified shortly after the deadline. We may publish the outcomes of the conference at a later stage depending on the preferences of the participants (details to be discussed at the end of the conference).