

ECLOGUES OF DESIRE

Cultural Myths of the Golden Age



Pietro da Cortona: *The Four Ages of Man* (1637), Palazzo Pitti, Florence

June 5, 2023

- 9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks
Claudia Olk and Stephen Nichols
- 9:15 “The Origins of the Myth of the Golden Age and its Early Transformations”
Chair: David Wellbery
- 9:15-10:15 **Oliver Primavesi**: “Golden Age - Progress - Cosmic Cycle: Three Models of World History in Early Greek Thought”
- 10:15-11:15 **Daniel Heller-Roazen**: “The Oldest Reading: Prometheus and the Arts of Divination”
- 11:30-12:30 **Stephen Nichols**: “‘Playing Dice with the Universe’: Eros and Chaos in Hesiod’s Myth of the Golden Age.”
- 14:00 “A Literary Life before the Renaissance: The Golden Age in Medieval Texts”
Chair: Stephen Nichols
- 14:00-15:00 **Gaia Gubbini**: “After the End. The Troubadours, the Golden Age, and a Fading Civilization”
- 15:00-16:00 **Brian Reilly**: “An Age of Black and Blue or White and Gold?: Contretemps of Salvific History”
- 16:15 “The Variance of Revivals: The Golden Age in Renaissance Texts”
Chair: Gaia Gubbini
- 16:15-17:15 **Andreas Höfele**: “The Golden Age Restored: Theatre and Stuart Politics”
- 17:15-18:15 **Claudia Olk**: “‘I’ excel the Golden Age’: Golden Worlds in Shakespeare”

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Chair: Gaia Gubbini
- 9:30-10:30 **Eleonora Stoppino**: “Niccolò Della Valle between Hesiod and Homer”
- 10:45-11:45 **Jack Abecassis**: “Hesiod & Montaigne, the Human Landscape”
- 11:45-12:45 **Joachim Küpper**: “Patriarchal Fantasies and Feminist Libertarianism: Don Quixote’s Praise of the Golden Age and Marcela’s Plea for Freedom”
- 14:00 “After-Life and Analogies: The Golden Age in Modern Texts and in Non-European Textual Cultures”
Chair: Joachim Küpper
- 14:00-15:00 **David Wellbery**: “The Golden Age in the Age of Goethe”
- 15:00-16:00 **Michael Lackner**: “The Roots of Chinese Civilization: A Golden Age?”
- 16:30 Concluding Discussion
Chair: Stephen Nichols and Claudia Olk

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