
Plan Overview

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Title: Aristocratic Networks and Pythagoreanism: Roman Foreign Policy, Cultural Interactions, Family Agendas

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Project abstract:

During the fourth century BCE, the Roman Republic entered a new age of conquests and institutional and cultural change. *Aristocratic Networks and Pythagoreanism* proposes a new reconstruction of this period by combining recent insights into the cultural ties among Oscan-speakers and Greeks, and the latest theories on the value of personal connections among Roman and foreign elites. The project will offer a new full-scale reconsideration of the impact of Pythagoreanism in Republican Rome, and the role it played in shaping Roman foreign policy.

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Data Collection

What data will you collect or create?

I will collect information regarding what we know about ancient Romans Senators and politicians of the 4th century BCE. These are: data on their accomplishment, their action, their policies and their personal relations with other, Romans or foreigners, with a special focus on their relations with the Lucanians.

In addition to these kind of information, I will record data on the diplomatic and philosophical tradition of Southern Italy, with a special look to the Pythagorean philosophy and its main personalities. Thus data on their way of life, their studied and their possible influence over the politic of their city.

All this information is taken from ancient historical sources or archaeological excavations and monographs or scientific articles written by historians, archaeologists, philologists and numismatists, who have dealt with the subject.

How will the data be collected or created?

I will collect data from ancient sources, like the literary writings of ancient authors. Thus, I will read philosophical, historical and antiquarian texts (such as the one of Livy, Polybius, Aristoxenus of Tarentum).

Furthermore, I will use contemporary papers on archaeological findings to compare the data from the literary traditions with the archaeological discoveries.

The information from these sources will be divided by subject areas in special files (mostly WORD and EXEL) within my PC.

Regularly, this data will be submitted to the scrutiny of my team of supervisors.

Documentation and Metadata

What documentation and metadata will accompany the data?

not applicable

Ethics and Legal Compliance

How will you manage any ethical issues?

My project has already received a low ethical risk score. In addition, none of the information I will touch upon will pose a risk to anyone's privacy or security. Having to work with sources written by ancient authors and without the involvement of interviews with people.

How will you manage copyright and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) issues?

During my research, it is possible that I may resort to quoting passages and citations of scientific works, such as: monographs, scientific articles and critical editions of literary sources.

In this case, the author and the work I will refer to will be cited in the footnote and within the bibliography and the account of sources used.

Finally, the research does not involve the use of audio or video contributions.

Storage and Backup

How will the data be stored and backed up during the research?

The progress of my research is saved within my PC and at intervals of one week, I back up the data within an external hard drive of my own.

How will you manage access and security?

not applicable

Selection and Preservation

Which data are of long-term value and should be retained, shared, and/or preserved?

not applicable

What is the long-term preservation plan for the dataset?

not applicable

Data Sharing

How will you share the data?

The data collected in the course of my research will be incorporated into an indefinite number of possible scientific contributions in order to facilitate the historical, cultural and political research of the historical period under examination. Further, they will be presented at conferences and seminars for the scrutiny of the scientific community.

Are any restrictions on data sharing required?

There should be no restrictions on the data I will produce.

Responsibilities and Resources

Who will be responsible for data management?

The role of collecting, organising and storing the data collected will reside with me. While, the role of supervising the process of collection, analysis and the possible dissemination of the findings will reside with my supervisory team: Prof. Federico Santangelo, Dr Don Miller, Prof. Philip Horky and Dr Caroline Barron.

What resources will you require to deliver your plan?

none

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