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Einladung zum Abendvortrag der Forschungsgruppe *Die Rollen der lateinischen Sprache im 20. und 21. Jahrhundert*

organisiert von Dr. Katharina-Maria Schön
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Federico Petris (Groningen) *“The Politics of Latin in the Digital Age”*

(der Vortrag findet auf Englisch statt)

Moscovia Delenda est, but also *Ukrajina Delenda Est!* and *El Partido Popolar Delenda Est!*; together with *Bolsonaro out of power* #*sic semper tyrannis* are but few examples of an ongoing phenomenon that sees online political discussions featuring interventions that make use of the Latin language among a variety of other natural languages. In relation to what has been sentenced, in various iterations, as a ‘dead language’, we may ask ourselves ‘why Latin?’. A disinterested answer could dismiss the cases as example of ‘linguistic preference’; a picture of Trump with the hashtag #*Fullofshitticus* is not deserving of further investigation; and the fact that #*Vox Populi Vox Dei* trended twice on X (former Twitter) within a single week in late 2022 is just a happy coincidence. In this talk, however, I will ask what happens when we take seriously the social embeddedness of Latin, and when we move past critiques of ‘right’ versus ‘wrong’ uses of Classical languages – and of references to the classical world. In doing so, I will attempt to show that when Latin is the chosen medium in online political discourses, specific political processes are underway.

About the speaker:

Federico Petris is a PhD candidate at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Groningen, the Netherlands. There, he pursued a BA in International Relations (2020) and a Research Master in ‘Modern History and International Relations’ (2022). He developed an interest in the relations between International Relations and Classical Studies during a research assistantship with Dr. Bettina Reitz-Joosse, and Dr. Julia Costa López, who are now both supervisors of the project.

His research interests and publications relate to processes of identity formation and contestation, EU integration, reception of Classics in the Digital Age, and to the study of the formation of political subjectivities at the imbrication of the temporal and linguistic dimensions.

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