



Animals as Literary Topoi in Fable and Ancient Literature

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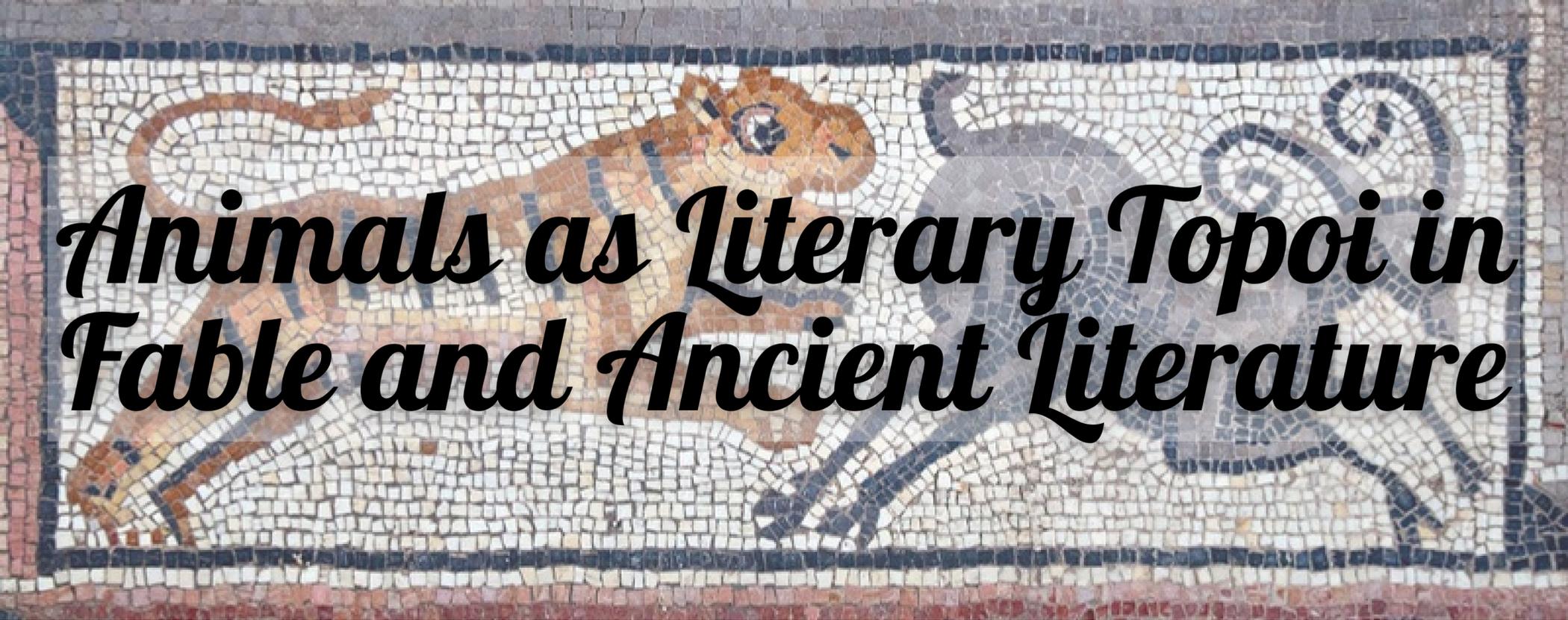
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Thursday 12th February

9:00 *Opening session*

9:30 **Ursula Gärtner** (Universität Graz)

(Trans-)Mediterranean Spaces as Literary Topoi in Ancient Fables

10:15 **Christopher Poms** (Universität Graz)

Animal Topoi in Ancient Fables? An investigation of the camel in Babrios (and other fable collections)

11:00 **Lukas Spielhofer** (Universität Heidelberg)

Νῦν δ' αἶνον ἐρέω. Animal Fables and Animal Imagery in Didactic Poetry

11:45 *Coffee break*

12:15: **Elisa Antonella Polignano** (Universität Zürich)

Epigrammatic Bees. Marcus Argentarius AP 5.32, Meleager AP 5.163, and Straton AP 12.249

13:00 **Ainhoa Navarro** (Universitat de Barcelona)

Crickets and cicadas: Hellenistic poets

14:00-16:00 *Lunch*

16:00 **Ivana Selene Chialva** (Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Santa Fe)

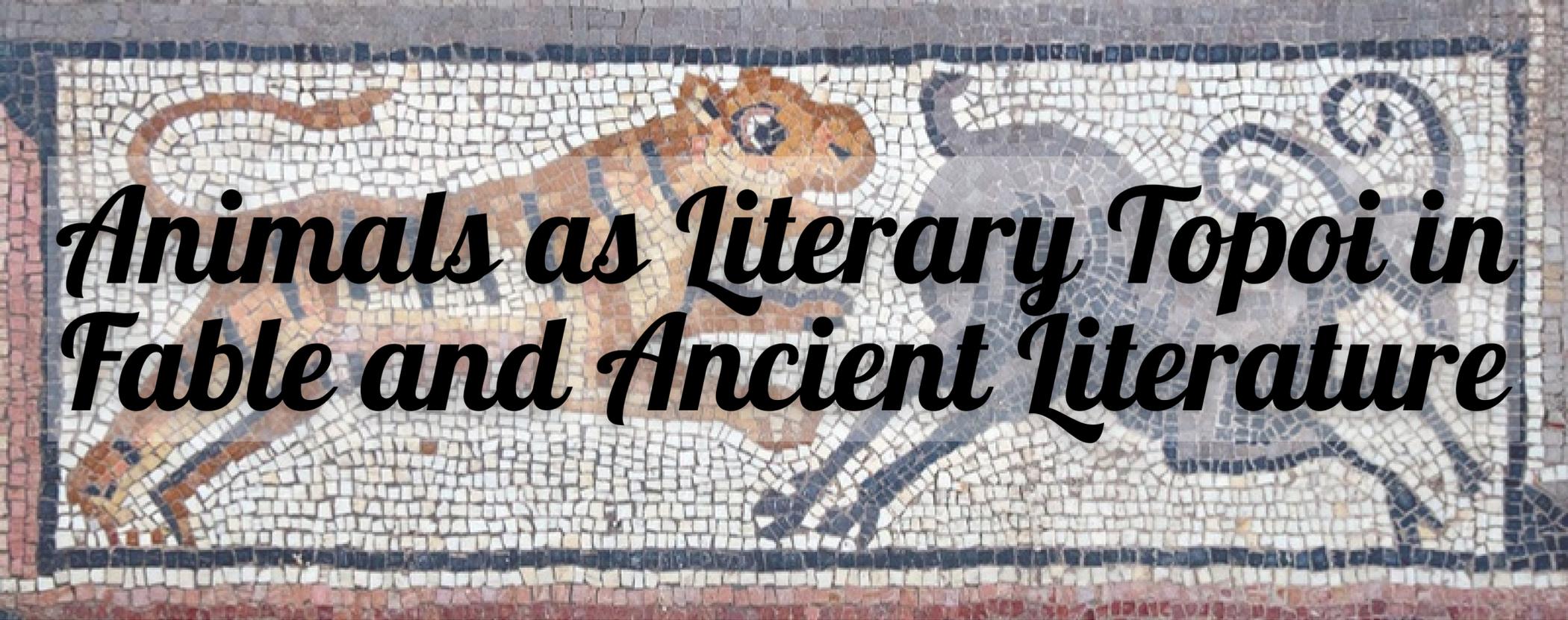
'Valorar la medida' (στέργειν τὰ μέτρια, Aphth. 26): educación retórico-afectiva en Aftonio | 'To value measure' (στέργειν τὰ μέτρια, Aphth. 26): rhetorical-affective education in Aphthonius

16:45 **Milena Frank** (Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Santa Fe)

La hormiga y la ética del πόνος: sentidos del esfuerzo en las fábulas esópicas | The Ant and the Ethics of πόνος: Conceptions about Toil in Aesopian Fable

17:30 **Sandra Plaza** (Universidad de Cádiz)

Between Human and Animal: Metamorphosis in Greek Literature



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Friday 13th February

09:30 **Àngel Martín** (Universitat de Barcelona)

Poetic Quotations in Plutarch's Treatises on *Natural Questions*

10:15 **Sergi Grau** (Universitat de Barcelona)

Cynics and animals: on fables and anecdotes

11:00 *Coffee break*

11:30 **Cristian Tolsa & Maria Navarro** (Universitat de Barcelona)

Parodic Entomology and Erudite Allusions to Intellectual Women in Lucian's *Fly* (μυίας ἐγκώμιον)

12:15 **Montserrat Camps-Gaset** (Universitat de Barcelona)

Can a woman be worse than a snake? On women and snakes in Early Christian texts

13:00 *Closing session*

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