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Second workshop of the ERC project  
**Purism in Antiquity: Theories of Language  
in Greek Atticist Lexica and their Legacy**  
**How to become a skilled  
rhetor: Theories of language  
and style in Phrynichus'  
*Praeparatio sophistica* and  
their afterlife**

**26 September 2022, 9.30–18.30**

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on Zoom)

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9.30 Welcome and Introduction

**9.40 Morning session**

*The Praeparatio as we read it  
today: Medieval and modern  
reception*

9.40–10.20 **Margherita Losacco**  
(Università di Padova), *Phrynichus  
in Photius: Prefaces and games of  
mirrors*

10.20–11.00 **Federico Favi**  
(Università del Piemonte Orientale  
– PURA), *How did the epitomiser  
work? The epitome of the  
Praeparatio and the indirect  
transmission in comparison*

11.00–11.30 Break

11.30–12.10 **Jacopo Cavarzeran**  
(Università Ca' Foscari Venezia –  
PURA), *Praeparatio onomastica(?)*

12.10–13.00 **Giuseppe Ucciardello**  
(Università di Messina), *The  
Praeparatio sophistica between  
the 18th and the 19th centuries*

**14.30 Afternoon session**

*The Praeparatio as a handbook of  
rhetorical training: Cultural context  
and theories of style and language*

14.30–15.10 **Ewen Bowie** (University  
of Oxford), *Σοφιστική προπαρασκευή  
and Εκλογή: Logic and relative  
chronology*

15.10–15.50: **Olga Tribulato**  
(Università Ca' Foscari Venezia –  
PURA), *Stylistic terminology in the  
Praeparatio sophistica*

15.50–16.30 **Giulia Gerbi** (Università  
Ca' Foscari Venezia – PURA), *Καινῶς  
εἶρηται: καινότης in the Praeparatio  
sophistica*

16.30–17.00 Break

17.00–17.40 **Chiara Monaco**  
(Universiteit Gent), *Comic  
compounds or hapax legomena?  
Observations on some rare  
expressions in the Praeparatio  
sophistica*

17.40–18.20 **Andrea Pellettieri**  
(Università Ca' Foscari Venezia  
– PURA), *Learned Rudeness:  
Abusing expressions in the  
Praeparatio Sophistica*

Discussion (with the participation of  
**E. Dettori, I. Manolessou,**  
**P. Scattolin**, members of the PURA  
advisory board).



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