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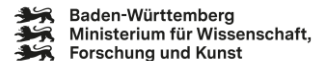
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Family Matters – Family Letters?

Latin Epistolography
between literary readings and
social history

International Early Career Workshop

Tübingen, 2–4 July 2026

Philologisches Seminar
Seminar für Alte Geschichte



Thursday, 2 July

13:00 –14:00 Welcome & Introduction
14:00–15:00 **Keynote**
Paternal address:
Cicero and son
Catharine Edwards
(Birkbeck)

Coffee Break

15:30 –17:00 Letters and/as Family
Chair: Lisa Eberle
Letters, Family
Members, and Absent
Presence
Rachel Morrison (Vassar
College)
Family matters in the
epistles of Synesius of
Cyrene
Janja Soldo (Edinburgh)

Friday, 3 July

09:00–10:00 Fathers and Sons
Chair: Sebastian Schmidt-
Hofner
Like Father, Like Son?
Filial roles and
representations in
Pliny's Epistles
Caitlin Spencer (Durham)
Who's Your Daddy?
Father-Son
Relationships in
Symmachus' Letters
Katharina Blaas
(Tübingen)

Coffee Break

11:00 –12:30 Nephews and Wives
Chair: Robert Kirstein
Two Uncles and Their
Difficult Nephew: The
Younger Quintus'
Coming of Age in
Cicero's Letters to
Atticus
Maximiliane Gindele
(Tübingen)
Family in Letters –
Letters as Family. The
Case of Ovid's Exile
Poetry
Simon Grund (Tübingen)

Lunch Break

14:00 –15:30 Family and/as Rhetoric
Chair: Andreas Abele
How Far Does
Familiarity Influence
Rhythm in Cicero's
Letters?
Laura Losito (Swansea)
Proto-Bromance:
Invoking Family Ties
as a Mark of Affection
in Sidonius
Apollinaris' Letters
Nicolas Goldmann
(Göttingen)

Coffee Break

16:00 –17:30 Masters
Chair: Roy Gibson
The enslaved, the
household, and
philosophical
progression in
Seneca's Epistles
Liam Preston (Durham)
Roman Helotage?
Slavery in the Letters
of Synesius
Luke Madson (Hofstra)

19:00 *Conference Dinner*

Saturday, 4 July

09:00 –10:30 Sisters and Slaves
Chair: Katharina Blaas
Sibling Power Couple:
The Correspondence
between Marcellina
and Ambrose of Milan
Cassandra Casias (Duke)
Tiro and the Tullii.
Manumission and
Book 16 of Cicero's Ad
Familiares
Lisa Pilar Eberle (Oxford)

Coffee Break

11:00 –12:00 **General Response**
Angela Ganter
(Regensburg)

12:00–12:30 Concluding Remarks