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The 2019 Congress is taking place on the 30th anniversary of the VII Colloquium Tullianum “Cicerone e lo Stato” organized in Warsaw in 1989 by Prof. Jerzy Axer and the Centro di Studi Ciceroniani.

The Congress’ proceedings are accompanied by a panel discussion on the Arpinate’s importance for the formation of civil society and by a session by high-school students who will present their own vision of Cicero. These elements of a societal impact are framed within the Cluster: The Past for the Present: International Research and Educational Programme built by the Faculty of “Artes Liberales” of the University of Warsaw, Fakultät für Sprach- und Literaturwissenschaften of the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Dipartimento di Storia Culture Civiltà and Dipartimento di Filologia Classica e Italianistica of the Università di Bologna, and the Faculty of Education of the University of Cambridge.

Moreover, a special panel is devoted to presenting the most recent results in the studies on the Aratea – Cicero’s poetic endeavour of significant cultural and educational importance.

We plan a publication of the Congress’ proceedings in the journal Ciceroniana On Line.

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12 December 2019 (Thursday)

Senate Hall in Kazimierz Palace UW, Main Campus

10.00 Opening of the Congress
Welcome Address
- Prof. Robert A. Sucharski, Dean of the Faculty of “Artes Liberales” UW
- Mr. Roberto Neccia, Deputy Head of Mission and Economic Counsellor of the Italian Embassy in Warsaw
- Ms. Gabriele Hermani, Science Counsellor of the German Embassy in Warsaw

11.00–11.30 Coffee break

11.30–13.00 From Ancient Rome to Modern Japan: Cicero in a Global World
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- Leopoldo Gambarale (Sapienza – Università di Roma), Si verum dicimus, haec est mea germana patria (Cic. leg. 2, 3)
- Yasunari Takada (University of Tokyo), A Taste of Difference: Cicero in Modern Japan

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- Janet Clare (University of Hull), Cicero: From the Republic of Letters to the English Republic
- Roberto Peressin (Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw), Vitality of Cicero’s Reception in Renaissance Poland: The Case of a 17th-century Greek Version of a Defence Speech

German Historical Institute Warsaw, Karniccy Palace, Al. Ujazdowskie 39

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- Amedeo Raschieri (University of Milan), Cicero in the Renaissance Encyclopedia of Giorgio Valla
- Jordan Pià-Comella (University of Rome, Sapienza – Università di Roma), “ab Iove principium”: Cicero’s “Aratea” (and “De Consulatu”) in the Augustan Period
- Philippe Rousselot (SIAC, Cour des Comptes, Paris), Cicero: A French Tradition, 1830–1940
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16.30–17.00 Coffee break

17.00–18.30 A Slavic Cicero: From the 19th Century to the New Millennium
Moderator: Hanna Paulouskaya (University of “Artes Liberales” UW)
- Arina Bragova (University of Nizhny Novgorod), Cicero’s Reception in Russia in a Broad Social, Political, Juridical, Cultural, and Philosophical Context

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20.00 Welcome Dinner for Speakers at the invitation of the German Embassy in Warsaw

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CLAS, Faculty of “Artes Liberales” UW, White Villa, Dobra 72

10.00–11.00 Cicero according to High-School Students
Moderator: Caroline Bristow (Director of Schools Classics Project, University of Cambridge)
- Sonja Schreiner (University of Vienna), Cicero in Classroom: An Austrian Case Study
- Barbara Strycharczyk (“Strumienie” High-School in Józefów) and Anna Wojciechowska (XI Mikołaj Rej High-School in Warsaw), Cicero at School: A Key to Understanding of Culture – introduction to the students’ presentations
- Presentations by the students from “Strumienie” High-School in Józefów and XI Mikołaj Rej High-School in Warsaw

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- Caroline Bishop (Texas Tech University), “ab Iove principium”: Cicero’s “Aratea” (and “De Consulatu”) in the Augustan Period
- Daniele Pellacani (University of Bologna), Hunting a Ghost: The “Vercellensis deperditus” of Cicero’s “Aratea”
- Nunzia Ciano (University of Münster), Poetic Diction in Cicero’s “Aratea”
- Jerzy Axer (Faculty of “Artes Liberales” UW), Janusz Gruchała (Jagiellonian University), Robert A. Sucharski (Faculty of “Artes Liberales” UW), Jarosław Włodarczyk (Polish Academy of Sciences), “Aratus” and “Fenomena” by Jan Kochanowski – between Textual Criticism and Poetry

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Prof. Dr. h.c. Walther Ludwig (University of Hamburg), Cicero’s “De officiis” in Humanist School Instruction – The “Philologus Incomparabilis” Hieronymus Wolf and His Great Commentary (1563)

11.00–11.15 Coffee break

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- Ingo Gildenhard (University of Cambridge), Education in Murder: The Vigilante Ethics of Cicero’s “De officiis” and its History of Reception
- Stéphane Lojkine (University of Aix-Marseille), “Diuturni silentii...”: Cicero’s and Diderot’s Politics of Silence
- Kathryn Tempest (University of Roehampton), From Cicero to Capella: Artes Liberales and the Liberal Arts

13.15 Lunch for Speakers

Moderator: Jan Miernowski (Faculty of “Artes Liberales” UW / University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- Introductory Lecture: Woldemar Görler (University of Saarland), Cicero on arites liberales: Merits and Problems
- Jerzy Axer (Faculty of “Artes Liberales” UW), Andrea Balbo (University of Turin), Markus Janka (University of Munich), Ermanno Malaspina (SIAC), Katarzyna Marciniak (Faculty of “Artes Liberales” UW), David Movrin (University of Ljubljana)

17.00 Visit for Speakers to the Wilanów Palace Museum and the Royal Garden of Light (Winter Illumination)

20.00 Farewell Dinner for Speakers

Key Lecture

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Cicero’s De officiis in Humanist School Instruction – The Philologus incomparabilis Hieronymus Wolf and His Great Commentary (1563)

Hieronymus Wolf (1516–1580) was one of the most prominent Classicists of the 16th century. He was called Philologus incomparabilis. He edited and interpreted various Greek, Latin, and Byzantine authors. And he was Professor utriusque linguae and rector of the Gymnasium at Augsburg as well as chief librarian of the city library. He esteemed Cicero more than any other author and wrote: “The writings of Cicero are totally a golden stream of eloquence (a praise which he himself attributed to Aristotle); and I believe that I have not read anything similar in other Greek or Latin authors”. In early modern times, Cicero’s De officiis and Aristotle’s Nicomachian Ethics were regarded to be the most important books on moral philosophy.

Wolf published the by far biggest commentary ever written to De officiis with 777 pages in Quarto in 1562. Four editions followed in the 16th century. This commentary is the enlarged version of the explanations which he gave to his pupils when they read Cicero’s text. It is not a usual philosophical commentary. Most important are the question, if the author is making correct statements, and the admonition to act accordingly. Thus, the commentary becomes instruction to proper action for the young pupils and for adult readers too. The purpose of the paper is to illustrate this very special commentary. Wolf is offering here a humanist method of moral education under the protective umbrella of Cicero.
“Cicero and His Epoch”: “The Thaw”, Utchenko, Kumaniecki, and Russo-Polish Scientific Connections

The publication of Sergei Utchenko’s book Cicero and His Epoch in Moscow in 1972 was an important event for the Moscow and Leningrad intellectual milieu. Cicero became not only ancient Roman political leader and philosopher, but a liberal thinker also, and his ideas and ideals were understandable for the Soviet intelligentsia. It is very characteristic that Cicero himself was not attractive for the Soviet historians of antiquity. The Roman orator stood too far from socio-economic problems, which were very popular among the Soviet scholars. The interest in Cicero as a source of information about Catilina’s plot was vivid only in the 1930s.

Sergei Utchenko was the Head of the Ancient History Department in the Soviet Academy, so since mid-1950s he had the opportunity to visit foreign countries and take part in the different conferences. In his letter from the Archive of the Russian Academy of Sciences Utchenko mentioned his long visits to Warsaw in late 1950s. So Russo-Polish scientific connections influenced upon Utchenko to choose Cicero as the subject of his studies. But there was another Polish source of Soviet Ciceroniana. I mean Thaddeus Zielinski, who lived and worked in Saint Petersburg until his repatriation in 1922. In Cicero and His Epoch Utchenko often cited Zielinski’s book on Ciceronian legacy published in German in 1908 (ed. pr. 1897) and even wrote that he based his description of the Ciceronian reception in Medieval Europe on Zielinski’s book. As a result, Russo-Polish scientific connections were very important for reception of Cicero in the late Soviet Union. And, we have no serious publications and research projects on Cicero in modern Russia.

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ab love principium: Cicero’s Aratea (and De Consulatu) in the Augustan Period

The Augustan period represents an important inflection point in Cicero’s reception, when certain elements of his diverse political and literary career began to be emphasized over others. It has long been assumed that Cicero’s republican politics and subsequent proscription meant that he was out of favor in the early days of the principate. But as this paper will show, Augustan writers were profoundly interested in Cicero as a literary figure, and frequently invoke him intertextually. Through an examination of notable allusions, I will demonstrate that Augustan poets carefully read, recollected, and responded to even the most neglected part of Cicero’s oeuvre: his poetry. Yet as we will see, different poems had different fortunes. While responses to the Aratea tended to be favorable, other poems, particularly the De Consulatu, received a less than favorable response. Recent work has shown that Cicero’s canonization required an almost single-minded focus on his literary works, coupled with a tactful silence about his less than exemplary political career. I will suggest that the Augustans’ preferences prefigure this strategy: while the Aratea had no political resonance, a poem like De Consulatu was simply too close to the circumstances of Cicero’s political career – which had recently ended at the hands of Antony and Octavian – to be well received.

An interdisciplinary team is preparing a new critical edition of two unique works by the most eminent poet of the Polish Renaissance – Jan Kochanowski (1530–1584). Both of them are related to Cicero’s Aratea. The Aratus, published in Kraków in 1579, is Kochanowski’s Latin reconstruction of the Ciceronian poem, while his Fenomena, published posthumously (1585), is the first Polish translation of the Greek poem by Aratos of Soli. In our presentation, we will discuss the basic research questions concerning the preparation of this edition.

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“Cicero and His Epoch”: “The Thaw”, Utchenko, Kumaniecki, and Russo-Polish Scientific Connections

The first one is about Cicero’s conservatism in ethical and political questions (Grabar-Passek and others); 2) Cicero’s social, political, juridical, and philosophical ideas devoted to an ideal ruler and citizen (Zielinski, Utchenko, and others); 3) Cicero’s image of an orator (Knabe, Gasparov, and others); 4) Cicero’s aesthetical ideas (Losev, and others); 5) Cicero’s pedagogical ideas (Pichugina, and others). All these fields of investigation are interconnected. Publications devoted to Cicero’s social, political, juridical, and philosophical views contain several contradictory trends.

The first one is about Cicero’s conservatism in ethical and political questions (Grabar-Passek and Utchenko). A bigger number of scholars, on the contrary, write about Cicero’s definite innovation, e.g. Derevnin, Kamalutdinov, Temnov, Bragova. The approach to the essence of Cicero’s ideal ruler is also twofold: Vipper and Marchenko consider him a monarch, while Vekhov, Protasova, Mashkin, Utchenko, Zimin, Motus, Derevnin, Kamalutdinov, Temnov, and Bragova point to its non-monarchical essence. Zviereich and Derzhavitsky write about the humanism of Cicero’s image of an ideal citizen. Some researchers (e.g. Zielinski, Knabe, Motus, Chernyshov, Bragova) believe that Cicero’s ideal state was a utopia in the time of transition from the Republic to the Principate, while Temnov is convinced of its realism.
The second very important issue discussed in the Russian bibliography is connected with Cicero’s views on oratory. Some scholars of the Soviet period write about Cicero’s oratorical skills and his views on an ideal orator (Knabe, Gasparov, Deratani, and Strelnikova). For Cicero speech was the embodiment and expression of the human principle in its opposite to the animalistic beginning (Knabe). Another idea is that Cicero became a successful speaker due to his theoretical background, artistic taste, and the ability to arouse passion in the audience (Gasparov). There are some publications devoted to the question of the historical conditionality of Cicero’s image of an orator (Deratani). Finally, the secret of Cicero’s success as an orator was not that he knew the theory well and followed it carefully in his practical work, not only in his exceptional talent, but mainly in that he always went beyond the rules in his practice, used the subject of speech, the material provided to him by life itself (Strelnikova).

In relation to his aesthetic ideas, Cicero is considered a theoretician of rhetorical science and a philosopher, who formulated the theoretical principles of aesthetics; his aesthetics was a new stage in the development of the philosophical thought of early Hellenism (Losev). Cicero’s aesthetic needs are associated with love for literature, which is always socially oriented for him (Petrovsky).

Cicero’s pedagogical ideas are also under analysis in the Russian modern bibliography. Some articles are dedicated to Cicero’s anthropological discourse of ‘self-care’, which means a certain dissatisfaction, or ‘restlessness’, of an educational result that makes a student look for a mentor who could teach independently build educational strategies in the context of his life strategies (Pichugina). The ideas of ‘self-care’ are borrowed by Cicero from the Greeks but Cicero proposes a Latin counterpart, terminologically close to cura sui (Pichugina, Shirinskaya).

To sum up, the Russian bibliography of the 19th–21st cc. comprises a large amount of publications associated with Cicero’s name. They offer research about Cicero’s social, political, juridical, philosophical, aesthetical and pedagogical ideas.

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Poetic Diction in Cicero’s Aratea

One of the main challenges of Cicero’s Aratea, the first Latin translation of Aratus’ Phaenomena, was to render the content on Greek astronomy into the Latin language, which up until then had had a very poor vocabulary to describe astronomical phenomena. This was very similar to the poverty of Latin vocabulary for philosophical subjects, something that Lucretius notoriously complained of (1, 832 patrii sermonis egestas).

Indeed, neither astronomy nor philosophy was a Roman discipline, and Cicero’s translation made a significant contribution in terms of vocabulary. Thus, the Aratea anticipated an analogous linguistic operation to the one that Cicero would perform in his later philosophical writings. That Cicero had the same ambition in both his youthful translation of Aratus and his mature philosophical work is testified by the way he introduced the quotation of many fragments of the Aratea in the second book of De natura deorum, and by his programmatic declaration at the beginning of the Tusculanae disputationes.

In the first case, the Stoic interlocutor Balbus expresses his admiration for Cicero’s Aratea, which delights him so much that it retains much of it in his memory (memoria teneam). The reason for this delight is the Latin language (Latinitas) of Cicero’s Aratea, as Balbus explicitly says (quia Latina sunt). In the second case, Cicero asserts that he will return after a long time to philosophical studies, which, though stored in his memory (retenta animo), he had put aside because of the political circumstances. Now that he no longer has advocatory toils and senatorial duties, he means to throw light (illustrandum) upon Greek philosophy through the Tusculan disputations, a philosophical work written in the Latin language (Latinis litteris). The same goal Lucretius expresses with the same words, too: 1, 136f. Graiorum obscura reperta / ... illustrare Latinis versibus.

The reason invoked by Cicero is not because philosophy could not be learned from Greek writers and teachers, but because the Romans have shown more wisdom everywhere than the Greeks, either in discovering for themselves or else in improving upon what they have received from Greece. Through both Balbus’ mouth and his own, Cicero emphasizes the Latin dress given by him both to astronomical and philosophical contents. This was done because Cicero thought he could improve Greek contents through the Latin language and particularly through his own contribution to its development, which reflects his important role as a cultural mediator.

Starting from this Cicero’s ambition, which allows us to trace a continuity between the youthful translation of Aratus’ Phaenomena and the philosophical works of Cicero’s mature age, this paper aims to analyze selected linguistic aspects of Cicero’s Aratea. In doing so, I will explore the possibility of the recent concept of canon used for Cicero’s Aratea, focusing on Cicero’s linguistic choices. They should prove the creative tension between change and fidelity to the original, and give an example of how Cicero’s translation became a reference point for the Latin poetic language.

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Cicero: From the Republic of Letters to the English Republic

It is a critical commonplace that across Europe, Cicero dominated the humanist education programme in rhetoric, oratory and moral philosophy. In England the publication of Cicero’s works came late. There was a general reliance on reprints of continental editions such as those of Lambinus, Sturm and Melanchthon. Nevertheless, the mass of surviving classroom material, the works of courtiers and educators, such as Thomas Elyot and Roger Ascham, and the paratextual material to continental imports all attest to Cicero as the supreme model for oratory and the epistle and central to a Christian education. Ascham’s claim that Cicero was as well read and his excellent eloquence “as well liked and loved and as truly followed in England at this day, as it ever was since [his] own time, in any place in Italy”, was unlikely to be disputed.

Yet, Cicero was admired, read and taught apart from his contexts, reflecting a trend in continental humanism, identified by Antony Grafton and Lisa Jardine, of closing off debate on vital political and social questions. The Cicero celebrated for De officiis (one of the most popular texts in England) was rarely joined to the Cicero of the Philippics, countenancing tyranny, even though
these texts were composed within months of each other. The surge of interest in classical republi- 
canism in the period of civil wars, leading to the establishment of the Republic in 1649 marked a 
decisive change in the representation of Cicero.
In this paper, I want to examine in detail the above trajectory through a consideration of 
Cicero’s presence in education and moral philosophy in the sixteenth century to an analysis, in the 
next century, of his role in drama, specifically The Tragedy of that Famous Roman Orator Marcus 
Tullius Cicero (1651). Here, as a supporter of regicide and exponent of the liberty of the state, 
Cicero’s political voice powerfully resonates across time and place.

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Si verum dicimus, haec est mea germana patria (Cic. leg. 2, 3)

This paper offers a rereading of the ‘setting’ of De legibus, in the countryside near the house where 
Cicero was born. In particular, it focuses on the beginning of Book II (§§ 1–7), with the goal of re- 
examining the praise of his birthplace and the problem of having ‘two homelands’, unam naturae, 
altemar loci patriam, alteram iuris (leg. 2, 5). Cicero’s reflections in De legibus 2, 1–7, turn out to be potentially relevant for our contemporary world with its seeming 
globalization, in which we must confront large-scale immigration issues, reconsider difficulties 
of citizenship, and deal with ideas of national sovereignty and regional feelings in an ongoing 
fashion.

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Education in Murder: The Vigilante Ethics of Cicero’s De officiis and its History of Reception

The aim of the paper is threefold: (a) to identify some key components of Cicero’s civic ethics in the 
De officiis – the cluster of principles or, more loosely, figures of thought that according to Cicero 
ought to orchestrate the place of an individual within his or her community – and, indeed, hu-
manity as such; (b) to pinpoint some of their respective affinities with other traditions of political 
thought, notably the Judeo-Christian; and (c) to illustrate their resonance in Western culture down 
the centuries, with particular reference to some representative texts from the early-modern period.

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Cicero on artes liberales: Merits and Problems

Cicero’s concept of general education, aptly embodied in the formula artes liberales, can still serve 
as a model for educational programs of today. There are, however, some points where modifica-
tion is needed, e.g. Cicero’s advice is addressed to an élite only; the list of the single artes 
is, in 
our view, revealingly incomplete.

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Diuturni silentii... Cicero’s and Diderot’s Politics of Silence

Though Diderot was an excellent Latinist, Cicero is not one of his most frequent references. In his Essay 
on the Life of Seneca, he even confesses that, after school, Cicero is one of the most praised and least 
read authors, as if his work were more of pedagogical use than of intellectual thinking. In his 1752 Let-
ter on the Deaf and Dumb, Diderot seems to refer in that way to Cicero’s 


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The Past for the Present, or What Does Cicero Have to Say to Children?

In this presentation I will showcase the current studies into the reception of Classical Antiquity in 
the culture for young people as pursued within the research programme “Our Mythical Childhood” 
(ERC Consolidator Grant) and the activities of the Cluster “The Past for the Present: International
Research and Educational Programme”. The tradition of Ancient Greece and Rome is treated here not as a petrified legacy of the past, but as a living cultural experience undergoing imaginative transformations that respond to local and global challenges. Owing to this, the reception of ancient culture becomes both a tool for shaping young people’s identity and a marker of key social, ideological, and cultural changes the world over.

I will briefly present the aims and the milestones of the “Our Mythical Childhood” programme and the component of citizen science we have been developing also within the Cluster – our in-culture becomes both a tool for shaping young people’s identity and a marker of key social, ideological, and cultural changes the world over.

I will discuss, as a case study, the reception of Cicero in children’s literature. We will witness how the most famous Roman orator and narrator of Late Latin lessons becomes a cicerone through values deemed constant and universal, at the same time as he transforms into a mentor supporting contemporary kids as they deal with the most current societal challenges.

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**The Formation of Civil Society: Cicero’s Role in Artes Liberales Education Today – Panel Discussion**

The thematic scope of the panel discussion is located at the intersection of politics and education. The goal is not so much apologetical as it is analytic: rather than defending the pertinence of Cicero today, the panelists will put his thought and oratory to the test of our diverse yet also highly conflicted world. How Ciceronian humanitas may be perceived in the age of posthumanism? What *rem publicam constituere* means in the globalized world thorn by nationalisms and fundamentalisms? How *vir bonus dicendi peritus* should confront the discourses of demagogy and hatred? These and other similar questions will help to define the *artes liberales* education of today.

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**Hunting a Ghost: The Vercellensis deperditus of Cicero’s Aratea**

On November 1442 the Italian humanist Cyriacus of Ancona found in the Biblioteca Capitolare of Vercelli a *liber antiquissimus* containing the text of Cicero’s *Aratea* combined with pictures of the constellations literally ‘filled’ with excerpts taken from Hyginus’ *De astronomia*. Some pages of this manuscript were copied by Cyriacus in a sketchbook that was later published by Annibale degli Abati Olivieri (1761); a closer comparison between this witness and the extant manuscripts of Cicero’s *Aratea* could lead to a better understanding of the textual transmission of Cicero’s poem.

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**Vitality of Cicero’s Reception in Renaissance Poland: The Case of a 17th-century Greek Version of a Defence Speech**

Due to the peculiar mixed regime of the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth, which combined monarchic with ‘democratic’ elements, Polish statesmen were required to master oratory abilities for their Parliamentary speeches. For this reason, Cicero’s works and style knew in Renaissance Poland a fortune and influence that were not undermined by the Anti-ciceronian tendencies – of Erasmian inspiration – that spread through Europe in the 16th century: Cicero indeed became a model for the Roman ideal of republican liberty. Orations like *Pro lege Manilia* and *Pro Ligario*, displaying exemplary of military virtue and righteous conduct, were often read at school, as well as treatises like *De legibus* or *Somnium Scipionis*. The Arpinate’s authority was also corroborated by its significance in the Neo-Stoic ethics, which was elaborated primarily on philosophers Seneca and Marcus Aurelius’ thought, but also on the basis of Cicero’s *De officiis* and epistles.

My paper will focus particularly on the description of a rare case of school exercise for students aspiring to be admitted to the Cracow Academy, in the first half of the 17th century. The text was printed in 1632 in Cracow and contains a Greek translation of Cicero’s *Pro Archia poeta* by scholar Nicolaus Zoravius. The speech on the defense of the poet Archias was broadly appreciated by Humanists for its praise for art and literature, intended as an opportunity for the elite of resting (*otium*) from daily affairs (*negotium*). Although the work cannot compete in translation skills with other more famous versions of Cicero’s writings by, to name a few, Theodor Gaze, Adrien Turnèbe, and Denis Petau, it nevertheless represents a testimony to not only the diffusion of interest for Cicero’s judicial orations, but also the traditional practice of translating from Latin into Greek, which was still vital in the 17th-century Eastern Europe.

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**French Reception of Cicero in the 20th Century: The Case of Jérôme Carcopino**

During the winter 1942–1943 the French scholar and former minister of Pétain Jérôme Carcopino gave some lectures on Cicero’s correspondence at the Ecole Normale Supérieure de la rue d’Ulm. In 1947 he published them under the title: *Les secrets de la correspondance de Cicéron*. The reactions were very virulent, especially because of the very negative and controversial portrait of Cicero. For Carcopino, the correspondence throws the ugly side of Cicero’s character; it reveals the inconsistencies and treacheries of his behaviour, which was neither honest nor courageous nor disinterested.
This portrait raises the following question: how could one of the most brilliant French scholars offer a so subjective, partial and simplistic image of Cicero? Prolonging the historiographical analyses of C. Lévy, I will try to show that the portrait of Cicero in The Secrets should be interpreted in the light of a very particular and ideological conception of history inspired by the French myth of the providential man. For depicted as the symbol of a decadent, corrupted, and sclerotic republic, Cicero becomes the caricature of Cesar, Napoleon and Pétain.

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Cicero in the Renaissance Encyclopedia of Giorgio Valla

Giorgio Valla (1447–1500) was an Italian humanist, famous for his teaching activity in Venice and his work as editor of Greek scientific texts. Moreover, he also paid particular attention to the rhetorical and philosophical works of Cicero throughout his life. This fact is demonstrated by the edition of his Commentaria in Ciceronis topica, de fato, de universitate (Venetiis 1485) and by the posthumous edition of the Commentaria in Ptolomaei quadripartitum, in Ciceronis partitiones and Tusculanae quæstiones, in Plinii naturalis historiae lib. II (Venetiis 1502). We can also note this attention to the thought of Cicero in the extensive encyclopedic work of Valla, the De expetendis et fugiendis rebus opus (Venetiis 1501). In my paper, I analyze the presence of Ciceronian thought in Giorgio Valla’s encyclopedic arrangement, mainly in the sections on rhetoric (De rhetorica libri II) and philosophy (De moralis philosophia liber unus), and its relationship with the Greek doctrines.

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Cicero: A French Tradition, 1830–1940

France has long held Cicero in high esteem. Racine, Bayle, Voltaire, Montesquieu, Abbé Prévost, the revolutionaries, had made him a republican idol and a new exemplum. From the 19th century onwards, the French portrait of the Arpinate underwent serious reworking. The scholarly works influenced by Drumann and Mommsen on the one hand, and the romantic movement on the other, tend to denigrate Cicero. Too wise and too worn out for some, not original enough and too opportunistic for others, its image loses its brilliance. However, at the same time, the Ciceronian battalions did not lose. Chateaubriand or Lamartine among the authors, Gaston Boissier at the head of the scholars, maintain the sacred fire of the Ciceronian cause, which will soon be entrusted to the political class of the Third Republic. These two Cicerones continued their careers throughout the first half of the 20th century, with his supporters, such as Louis Laurand, and his prosecutors, such as Jérôme Carcopino. This dispute, as it is well known, has a European, even international, dimension. Our purpose is to look for the specifically French part of this Cicero Bifrons.

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Cicero in Classroom: An Austrian Case Study

Cicero has always been an important author in Austrian schools. In the last years, the curricula have dramatically changed. Not authors, but topics are in the centre now, and the teaching methods focus on so-called ‘competences’. The short lecture will try to define Cicero’s new position in the classroom of today.

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Cicero at School: A Key to Understanding of Culture

Today, Cicero’s texts are rarely studied at high schools in Poland. Fragments of De officiis and Orations in Catilinam are included in Latin textbooks for the basic curriculum. At the same time, already in the course of reading these texts, it becomes clear that Cicero is the key to our history, literature, and civic tradition. If possible, we broaden this canon and also read Pro Archia poeta oratio, fragments of Tusculanae disputationes, or De re publica. Not only Marcus Tullius Cicero’s texts but also the story of his life helps students grasp the meaning of the Renaissance and among them, most of all, of Jan Kochanowski’s poetry.

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A Taste of Difference: Cicero and Modern Japan

While the year 1989 is remembered worldwide as the annus mirabilis that saw the demolition of the Berlin walls and the tragedy of Tiān’ānmen, it is less known that Japan too underwent a significant turning point in its modern history. It was the demise of Hirohito, the Emperor Showa, in whose name the war against the Allied Nations in WWII was declared and in whose authority the acceptance of Potsdam Declaration (Japan’s unconditional surrender) was accepted. It was exceptional of Hirohito that, unlike other fascist leaders, he not only survived the question of responsibility
for the war but also, thanks to his usefulness for the American polity in the newly-begun Cold War, came to be made the symbol of Japan in the postwar democratic constitution, under which Japan was to accomplish a miraculous recovery. If the demise, reflecting his extraordinary career, brought about unimaginable confusions in various sectors of the society, it served at the same time to confirm the firmness of the symbolic system in and on which the modern Japan had been constructed. It has been further ascertained by the naïve fervor the ordinary Japanese showed this year to the celebration of the new imperial era (Reiwa), which came as one of the male grandchildren of the Emperor Showa ascended the throne.

Strange as it may sound, the modern Japan began in 1868 with the revolutionary-restoration of the emperor system, which replaced the two-and-a-half-century feudal regime of Tokugawa shogunate. On the face of it, both political systems seem to have little to do with republicanism and hence Cicero. But a comparative perspective the Japanese history may afford seems to me to be helpful to the better understanding of Cicero’s Weltanschauung, which was formed in the totally non-monotheistic milieu, not dissimilar to what Japan happens to retain.

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From Cicero to Capella: Artes Liberales and the Liberal Arts

What were Cicero’s artes liberales and how did they affect the development of Liberal Arts education? This paper explores the presentation of the artes in Cicero’s speeches, letters, and treatises to examine the subjects most frequently associated with a good education, as well as the impact of his writings on subsequent generations of thinkers and educators. Ending with the codification of a ‘curriculum’ in the work of Martianus Capella, we shall see how the development of a canon of educational disciplines gave rise to the medieval programme of the trivium (grammar, rhetoric, and dialectic) and quadrivium (arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and music). But more than that, we shall go back to the contexts of Cicero’s original thinking on the subjects, to see how his wider arguments on the value of a broad education still echo in our ideas of the Liberal Arts today.
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- \textbf{October 2018} Munich: the international conference for teachers and educators \textit{Digitale Bildung – zwischen Hype und Hybris};
- \textbf{December 2018} Warsaw: the seminar on \textit{The Reception of Caesar in Children’s and Young Adults’ Culture} and the concert \textit{Many Languages of Music} by Rafał Janiak from the Fryderyk Chopin University of Music;
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