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# Cicero and the Law

## Nature, Politics, and Philosophy

*New Perspectives on De legibus*

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The Department of Classics and Philosophy and the Department of Law of the University of Cyprus are pleased to host an international conference on Cicero's *De legibus* in Nicosia, on 19–21 March 2026. The Conference is generously sponsored by the Patrum Lumen Sustine Foundation (PLuS).

This is the third conference in the series *Lecturae Ciceronis*, annually organised by the Société Internationale des Amis de Cicéron (SIAC, Paris): after the first conference on the *De inuentione* (Paris, 21–23 March 2024) and the second on the correspondence to Brutus (*Epistulae ad Brutum*) (Turin, 20–21 March 2025), the third work to be scrutinised will be the philosophical treatise *De legibus*.

Cicero's *On the Laws* (*De legibus*), a treatise of the mid-first century BCE, is cast as a philosophical dialogue between Cicero, his brother Quintus, and his friend Atticus. The work was conceived as a pendant to the *De republica*. Even though *De legibus* was probably never completed, the three surviving books reveal Cicero's attempt to ground Roman law in natural law, integrating Stoic philosophy with the civic traditions of the Roman Republic.

With its reflections on natural law, political order, and republican tradition, the *De legibus* offers fertile ground for interdisciplinary research, bridging philosophy, law, rhetoric, religion and intellectual history.

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# Programme

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## Thursday, 19th March

**9:30–11:00** — **Conference Opening**
*Chair: Spyridon Tzounakas, The University of Cyprus*

Greetings

**Georgios Xenis**, *Chairman, Dept of Classics & Philosophy, The University of Cyprus*
**Costas Paraskeva**, *Chairman, Dept of Law, The University of Cyprus*

Welcome Address

**Ermanno Malaspina**, *SIAC & Patrum Lumen Sustine Foundation*

**Session I — Prologue**
**Giuseppe La Bua**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*
*From Poetry to Philosophy: Fictionality, 'Fake Truths' and Sapientia in Cicero's De legibus*
**George Vassiliades**, *The University of Cyprus*
*History in Philosophy: Historiographical Perspectives in Cicero's De legibus*

**11:00–11:30** — *Coffee Pause*

**11:30–13:00** — **Session II — Literary Approaches**
*Chair: Charles Guérin, Sorbonne Université, Paris*
**Simone Mollea**, *Universität Basel*
*Self-Reference and Authorial Programme in Cicero's De legibus*
**Elisa Della Calce**, *Università di Torino*
*Past and Present in Cicero's De legibus: An Investigation of Historical References and Exempla*
**Amedeo A. Raschieri**, *Università degli Studi di Milano*
*Between otium and negotium: the subsiciua tempora from Cicero's De legibus to Aulus Gellius*

**13:00–14:00** — *Lunch & Pause*

**14:00–19:00** — *Excursion to Archaeological Venues*

**20:00** — *Conference Dinner*

## Friday, 20th March

**9:30–11:00** — **Session III — Philosophy**
*Chair: Margot Neger, The University of Cyprus*
**Jula Wildberger**, *American University of Paris*
*The Reception of a Stoic Argument by Cicero (Leg. 1.22-23, SVF 3.339) and Marcus Aurelius (4.4)*
**Georgia Tsouni**, *University of Crete*
*Anti-Epicureanism in Cicero's De legibus*
**Matilde Oliva**, *Università di Firenze*
*Cicerone storico della filosofia nel De legibus*

**11:00–11:30** — *Coffee Pause*

**11:30–13:30** — **Session IV — Law**
*Chair: Konstantinos Tsinas, The University of Cyprus*
**Paul J. Du Plessis**, *The University of Edinburgh*
*Law in Theory and in Practice: Reading Cicero's De legibus as a Statement of Intent*
**Evangelos Adam**, *Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München*
*(Dis-)Engaging the Reader: Cicero's Framing of Legal Discourse in De legibus 1*
**Ana Kotarcic**, *Universität Zürich*
*The Linchpin of Law: Justice as Mediator in Cicero's De legibus*
**Georgios Orfanidis & Nikitas E. Hatzimihail**, *The University of Cyprus*
*Reading Between the Lines of Law: Communicative Ethics, Civic Identity, and the Sacred in Cicero's De legibus*

**13:30–14:00** — *Lunch & Pause*

**14:00–16:30** — *Guided Visit to the Cyprus Museum*

**17:00–18:30** — **Session V — Reception**
*Chair: Ermanno Malaspina, Société Internationale des Amis de Cicéron*
**Ioannis Deligiannis**, *Democritus University of Thrace*
*Cicero's De legibus and the Greek World: From Ancient Silence to Its Twenty-First-Century Translation*
**Stefano Rozzi**, *Università di Torino*
*Cicero and Machiavelli: the Shaping Power of Law*
**Tomás Pinto Bravo**, *Sapienza Università di Roma*
*Conditio iuris et imperii: from Cicero's De legibus to Osorio's De Iustitia*

**18:30–19:00** — **Session VI — Final Discussion**
**Adalberto Magnavacca**, *The University of Cyprus*

**20:00** — *Conference Dinner*

## Saturday, 21st March

**10:00–18:00** — *Excursion to Archaeological Venues*