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October 24th, 2025

9:00-10:00 Welcome breakfast

Chair: Thomas Nulley-Valdes (World Literature, ANU)

10-10:45 **Emily Hulme** (Philosophy, USyd) 'Evil *Techne*?' with response by **Chris Danta** (Cybernetics, ANU)

10:45-11:30 **Jemima McPhee** (Classics, ANU) 'Volcanic vocabulary in the anonymous *Aetna*' with response by **Rod Harvey** (History, ANU)

BREAK

Chair: Marko Vitas (Classics, ANU)

12:00-12:45 **Tom Hercules Davies** (Classics, Melbourne) 'Fact and Theory in Egyptian Astronomy' with response by **Terhi Nurmikko-Fuller** (Digital Humanities, ANU)

12:45-1:30 **Han Baltussen** (Classics, Adelaide) 'A cross-cultural look at ancient medical ethics: oaths, promises, and pledges' with response by **Laura Dawes** (CPAS, ANU)

LUNCH and official launch of [Fulcrum](#) by Prof Joan Leach

Chair: Estelle Strazdins (Classics, ANU)

2:30-3:15 **Tatiana Bur** (Classics, ANU) 'Wonder as an agenda for studying ancient Greek mechanics' with response by **Denise Thwaites** (Interdisciplinary Arts, UC)

3:30-4:30 **Steven Green** (Classics, NUS) on 'Contellation or Consternation? Andromeda and the Politics of the Sky in Manilius' *Astronomica* 5' for the ARC DP *Night Vision* [reading group](#) [Hybrid]

4 :30-5 :00 Closing Remarks

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