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THE IASEMS GRADUATE CONFERENCE
AT THE BRITISH INSTITUTE OF FLORENCE

Infection and Toxicity in Early Modern English Literature and Culture



23 APRIL 2021
VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

ON ZOOM

PROGRAMME

**9.30 /
OPENING REMARKS**

Simon Gammell
Director of
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Giuliana Iannaccaro
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and Early Modern Studies

10.00 / PLENARY LECTURE

Laura Tosi
(Università di Venezia Ca' Foscari)
*Revenge is Contagious:
How Poison infiltrated
Early Modern Tragedy*

10.30 / DISCUSSION

**10.50 / MORNING SESSION 1
(CHAIR: LAURA TOSI)**

Eva Bilska
(Charles University, Prague)
*Toxic Language and Infected Bodies
in Shakespeare's Coriolanus*

Ilaria Pernici
(Università di Perugia)
*"Shall rather at my hands haue a figge
to choake him" or how a very Ancient Fruit
became a Venomous Antidote
to cure Ignorance and Prejudice
according to Thomas Lodge*

11.30 / DISCUSSION

11.50 / COFFEE BREAK

**12.20 / MORNING SESSION 2
(CHAIR: LAURA TOSI)**

Beatrice Fuga
(Université Sorbonne Nouvelle – Paris)
*"I have bound thee to 't by death":
The Italian Intoxication
of English Reading Practices*

Meriel Cordier
(Université Clermont-Auvergne)
*"Our very air is changed":
The Infectious Strangers
in Samuel Daniel's The Queen Arcadia*

13.00 / DISCUSSION

13.30 / LUNCH BREAK

**15.00 /
PLENARY LECTURE**

Laura Pinnavaia
(Università di Milano)
*The Proverbs of Toxicity and Infection
in Early Modern English Lexicography:
A Linguistic and Cultural Analysis*

15.30 / DISCUSSION

**15.50 / AFTERNOON SESSION
(CHAIR: LAURA PINNAVAIA)**

Aoife Beville
(Università di Napoli L'Orientale)
*Toxic Tricks: Lying
as Malady and Remedy
in All's Well that Ends Well
and Measure for Measure*

Maddalena Repetto
(Università di Genova)
*"Nero Veneficus": Poison as
an Emblem of Feminisation
in Matthew Gwinne's Nero*

Ivana Ledda
(Università di Cagliari)
*Images of Toxicity in a Late 17th-Century
Religious Pamphlet Battle: The Snake
in the Grass Controversy*

16.50 / DISCUSSION

17.30 / ROUND UP