

Nephele Papakonstantinou

Brief CV

As of October 2024, Nephele Papakonstantinou is Assistant Professor of Latin Philology at the Department of Philology of the University of Athens. A graduate of the same department (2010), she completed her Master's (2011) and PhD (2017) in Classical Studies, specializing in Latin Philology, at the Sorbonne University (Université Paris Sorbonne - Paris IV), with highest honours. Through generous funding from the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung (2021), she carried out independently and as Principal Investigator a two-year postdoctoral research project, with published deliverables, at the Institut für Klassische Philologie of the University of Würzburg, where she remains a Research Associate, funded again by the Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung (2025) for her ongoing research project on the mechanisms of the formation of medical law in Graeco-Roman antiquity and early modern Europe. She has been positively assessed by the Conseil National des Universités of France (2023) as having met all the necessary qualifications and requirements for the grade of Maître de Conférences in Section 08. She has received research fellowships from, among others, the Centro di Studi e Ricerche sui Diritti antichi (Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza) of the University of Pavia (2022), the Siebold-Collegium Institute of Advanced Studies of the University of Würzburg (2022), the Hardt Foundation (2018), the École Française de Rome (2014, 2015, 2016), the University of Athens (2011) and the Greek State Scholarships Foundation (2007). She has presented her research by invitation or after selection at 21 universities and research centres abroad in the context of international conferences and seminars, and has (co-)organized three international conferences abroad (two in Germany and one in Italy) thanks to funding from other institutions and bodies (e.g. Fritz Thyssen Stiftung, Institutio Santoriana - Fondazione Comel). She is a reviewer of articles submitted to international journals (e.g. *Lexis*, *Hormos*) and an Associate Member of the scientific group EDITTA (UR 1491) of the Sorbonne University.

Research interests: Roman judicial rhetoric (Quintilian and the declamations), Roman law, History of Roman legal thought, Ancient Greek and Roman medicine, History and Anthropology of Law and Medicine, History of Legal Medicine, Reception of Latin literature in the Renaissance, History of ideas

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Representative original peer-reviewed publications:

A. Monographs

1. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2025): *L'émergence du crimen raptus à Rome. Le système du Pseudo-Quintilien entre rhétorique judiciaire et ius*, Berlin/Boston/New York: De Gruyter (428 pages) <https://www.degruyterbrill.com/document/doi/10.1515/9783111544656/html#overview>.
2. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (forthcoming in 2026): *Legal Medicine and Classical Rhetoric in Late Renaissance Italy: Paolo Zacchia's consilia on Poisoning* (under contract with Palgrave Macmillan).

B. Edited volumes

3. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (ed.), *Mapping the Wounded Self from Roman Antiquity to Renaissance Humanism: Interdisciplinary Perspectives* (forthcoming with Wissenschaftlicher Verlag Trier).
4. **Papakonstantinou, N.** & D. King (eds.), *Narratio in Medicine and the Law: Knowledge Rhetoric in Case-histories From Antiquity to the Renaissance* (forthcoming with Palgrave Macmillan).

C. Peer-reviewed studies (articles, chapters, reviews) in prestigious international scientific journals and edited volumes

5. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (accepted): « Καὶ γὰρ εἴ τινας βιασθεῖσαι συνέλαβον: una nuova esegesi su Sor. Gyn. I 37 », in M. Caroli (ed.), *Studi sulla violenza di genere nel mondo antico*, Bari: Edizioni di Pagina.
6. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (accepted): « Rufus of Ephesus », in H. Perdicoyianni-Paleologou (ed.), *Lexicon of the Greek and Roman Anatomists, Physicians, and Surgeons from Antiquity to the Byzantine Empire*, Paris: L'Harmattan.
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8. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (accepted): « Declamatory themes and Adversarial Rhetoric in Paul Zacchias 'Medico-legal Consilia' », in T. Baier/T. Dänzer (eds.), *23. NeoLatina Die Vermessung der Rede: Rhetorik(en) in den Frühen Neuzeit*, Tübingen: Gunter Narr-Verlag.
9. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (accepted): « Roman Forensic Declamations as Sources for the Historiography of Roman Law », in S. Papaioannou/A. Serafeim (eds.), *A Companion to the Ancient Rhetoric: New Trends and Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, Berlin/Boston/New York: De Gruyter.
10. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (accepted): « Quintilian's Theory of Proof », in S. Papaioannou/A. Serafeim (eds.), *A Companion to the Ancient Rhetoric: New Trends and Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, Berlin/Boston/New York: De Gruyter.
11. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (in press): « Embodied Cognition and the Self in Roman Rhetorical Education: the case of dementia », in M. Meeusen (ed.), *Healing Classics and the Medical Humanities*, Bern: Peter Lang.
12. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (accepted by Bryn Mawr Classical Review): Review of E. Cowan, T. Parkin (eds.), « Domestic violence and vulnerability in the Roman world », *Bulletin of the Institute of Classical Studies* 66.2, Pp. 174. ISSN 00760730.
13. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2025): « Judicial Semiotics in Early Imperial Roman Culture », in T. Dänzer (ed.), *Quintilians Rhetorik und die Disziplinen: Abgrenzung – Auseinandersetzung – Übernahme*, Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck, 125-152.
14. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2024): « Problemi bioetici nella cultura romana di età imperiale: Il conflitto tra 'suicidio con finalità eutanasiche' e 'omicidio' nella *Declamatio Maior* 4 dello Pseudo-Quintiliano », *Tesserae iuris* 5/2, 7-50.
<https://journals.uniurb.it/index.php/tesseraeiuris/article/view/4811>
15. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2024): « *Praejudiciorum vis*: Legal Precedent and Analogical Reasoning in Roman Rhetorical Education under the Early Empire », *Rheinisches Museum für Philologie* 167/2: 187-220.
16. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2023): « *Per vim metumque gesta ne sint rata* (Sen. contr. 9.3) : le statut de la contrainte entre rhétorique judiciaire et droit civil romain », *Classica Vox* 5: 71-98.
<https://cab.unime.it/journals/index.php/ClassicaVox/article/view/4160>
17. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2023): « Roman Declamation, Roman Law, and Ancient Legal Medicine: the Case of *veneficium* », *Rivista di diritto romano* XXIII n.s. VIII: 1-44.
<https://www.ledonline.it/index.php/Rivista-diritto-romano/article/view/5520/1797>
18. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2023): « Violenza sessuale e 'violenza di genere' nelle declamazioni latine di scuola: riflessioni retorico-giuridiche sul tema del consenso », *Iura & Legal Systems* X.2023/1, B(2): 21-40. <http://elea.unisa.it/handle/10556/6716>
19. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2022): Review of St. Knoch, *Die lateinische Deklamation*. Hildesheim: Georg Olms Verlag, 2021, Bryn Mawr Classical Review 2022.05.14.
<https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2022/2022.05.14/>
20. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2022): « *Ab impetu ad rationem redit* (Quint. Inst. 6.1.29): Mapping Ancient Emotions onto the Roman Judge », *Quaderni Lupiensi di Storia e Diritto* Anno XII -

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21. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2022): « La figure du *raptus* dans les recueils de déclamations latines (Ier-IIIe siècles): analyse pragma-énonciative », *PAN Rivista di Filologia Latina* 11 N.S. 2022: 21-43. <https://www.unipa.it/dipartimenti/cultureesocieta/riviste/pan/.content/documenti/03---Nephele-Papakonstantinou---PAN-11-2022.pdf>
22. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2022): « La construction de l'interlocution argumentative dans la *Déclamation mineure* 338 du Pseudo-Quintilien », in S. Franchet d'Espèrey, A.-M. Favreau-Linder, A. Reh binder (eds.), *Dialogue, dialogisme, polyphonie. Questions d'énonciation dans les textes philosophiques et rhétoriques de l'Antiquité*, Bordeaux: Ausonius, 89-103.
23. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2021): Review of P. Chiron, B. Sens (eds.), *Les Progymnasmata en pratique, de l'Antiquité à nos jours. Practicing the Progymnasmata, from Ancient Times to Present Days*. Études de Littérature Ancienne 27. Paris: Rue d'Ulm, 2020, *Bryn Mawr Classical Review* 2021.08.13. <https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2021/2021.08.13/>
24. **Papakonstantinou, N.** (2020): « Le *raptus* saisi par le droit et la littérature ou comment enseigner un crime dans les écoles de rhétorique à Rome », *Clio. Femmes, Genre, Histoire* 52: 21-42 [trans. in English by A. Stevens: « *Raptus* and Roman law: teaching about sexual crime in the schools of rhetoric (Rome, turn of the first and second centuries CE) », *Clio. Women, Gender, History* 52/2: 21-41]. <https://journals.openedition.org/clio/18656>
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