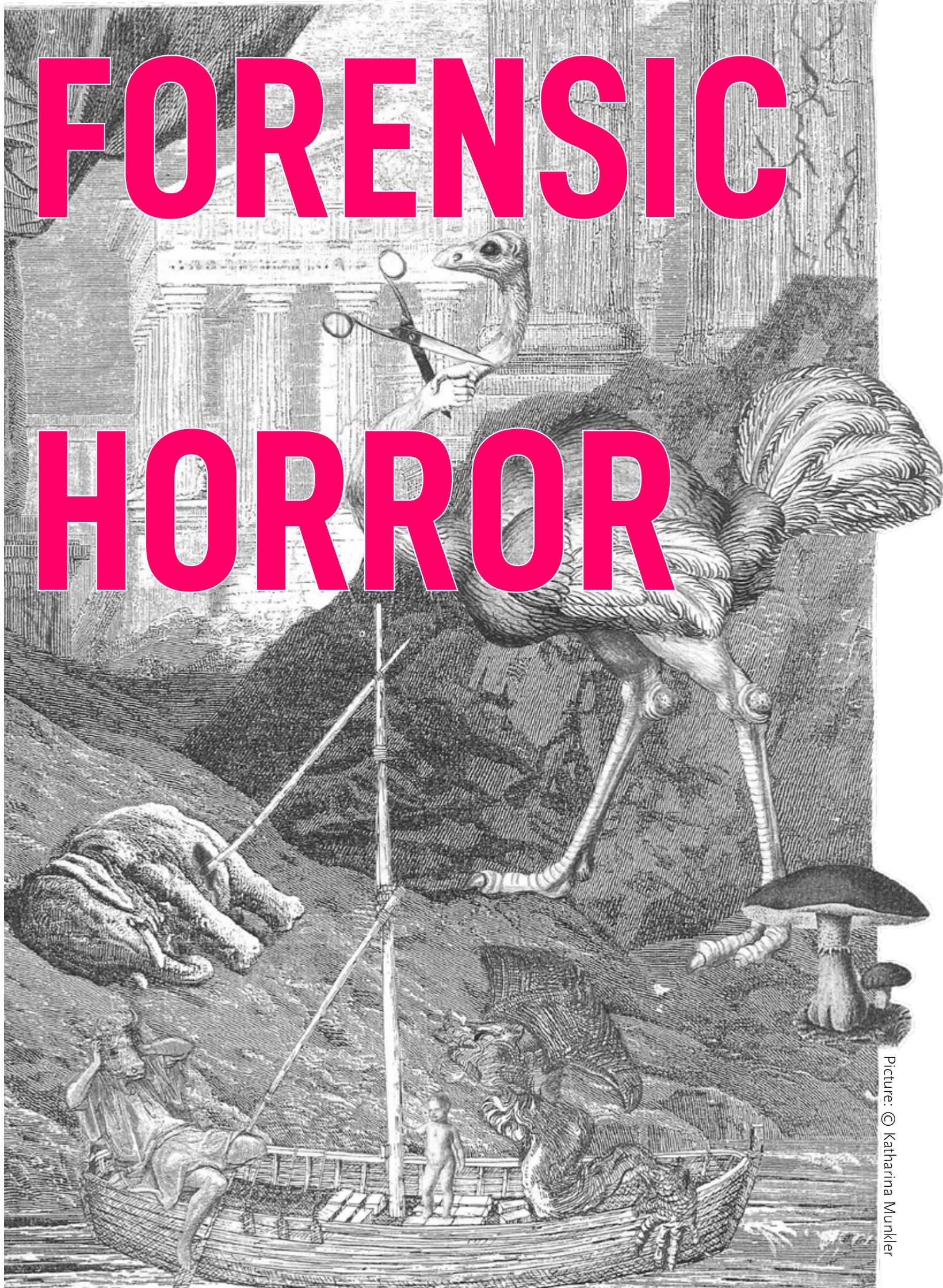


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Thursday, Sept. 17th

From 13:15 Conference Office, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Institut für Klassische Philologie, Main Building, Unter den Linden 6, R. 3059

13:45–14:00 Welcome and Introduction
(Lisa Cordes, Sophia Häberle)

Chair: Lisa Cordes

14:00–14:45 **Catherine Steel**
Glasgow
**Violence, Secrecy and Fear:
Cicero's Presentation of the
*Catilinarian Conspiracy***

14:45–15:30 **Sophia Häberle**
Berlin, HU
**Rivers of Blood. Forensic Imagery
and the Experience of Civil Violence
in Cicero's Oratory**

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–16:45 **Dennis Pausch**
Marburg
***Monumentum eius pugnae:*
Memories of Conflict in Livy's
Topography of the Forum Romanum**

16:45–17:30 **Verena Schulz**
Munich
**Cicero's Caesarian Speeches:
Coping with the Trauma of Civil War?**

17:30–18:15 **Wolfgang Havener**
Heidelberg
***Tanta vis admonitionis inest in locis* –
The Experience of Violence and Rome's
"Exemplary Topography" in Cicero's
Speeches**

18:45 Conference Dinner

Friday, Sept. 18th

8:30 Arrival and Coffee

Chair: Babett Edelmann-Singer (Berlin, FU)

9:00–9:45 **Peter Scholz**
Stuttgart
**Wie laut sprach Cicero? Vorstellung der
Curia Iulia-Auralisierungen und des
dazugehörigen 3D-Modells**

09:45–10:30 **Fabio Calo**
Berlin, FU
**Performative Anger as a Rhetorical
Instrument in Cicero's Forensic Oratory**

10:30–10:45 Coffee Break

Chair: Sophia Häberle

10:45–11:30 **Harriet I. Flower**
Princeton
Sulla's Senate House Revisited

11:30–12:15 **Lisa Cordes**
Berlin, HU
**(Forensic) Horror and Memory in Cicero's
De finibus 5: Civil War Landscapes and the
Affective Power of Urban Anachronism**

12:15–13:15 Lunch Break

13:15–14:00 **Kamil Kopij**
Krakow
**Affordances of the Oratorical Taskscape:
Multisensory Communication and Political
Space in Roman Public Assemblies**

14:00–14:45 **Henriette van der Blom**
Birmingham
**The first-century BCE contio in Valerius
Maximus: Speech, Politics and Roman
Identity's Speeches**

14:45–15:15 Discussion and Closing Remarks