

## Monsters of Alexander the Great's Legends in World Cultures

A one-day conference at the British Library, 27 January 2023



### Programme

**9.30 am – 09.50 am** – Arrival

**9.50 am -10.00 am** – Welcome (Scot McKendrick)

**10.00 am - 11.30 am** – Panel 1: *Alexander's Monsters in the Greek tradition* (Chair: Scot McKendrick)

Richard Stoneman (University of Exeter)

**Between cosmic creation and cosmic rule: the monsters Alexander did not meet**

Fiona Mitchell (University of Birmingham)

**Meeting Monsters: Alexander as Heroic Adventurer and Ethnographic Observer**

Guen DM Taietti (University of Liverpool)

**Bucephalus the monster or Bucephalus the Great? The equine alter-ego of Alexander**

**11.30 am - 12.00am** – Tea & Coffee

**12.00 am - 13.30 pm** – Panel 2: *Alexander's Monsters in the East* (Chair : Ursula Sims-Williams)

Barbara Brend

**Iskandar's Encounters with Monstrosities and Monsters**

Sam Lasman (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge)

**"No Power Against It": Eskandar's Draconic Encounters in Ferdowsi and Nezāmi**

Vivek Gupta (University of Cambridge)

**Visual Narratives of Iskandar and Marvels Across the Indian Ocean**

**13.30 pm – 14.30 pm** – Sandwich lunch

**14.30 pm – 16.00 pm** – Panel 3: *Alexander's Monsters in Medieval Europe* (Chair : Venetia Bridges)

Catherine Gaullier-Bougassas (Professor at University of Lille, ERC AGRELITA)

**Alexander the Great and the monsters: a new Hercules? The *French Romans d'Alexandre* of the 12th and 13th centuries**

Henry Ravenhall (University of Cambridge)

**The Experience of Monstrosity in Medieval French Alexander Manuscripts (1250–1350)**

Giulia Gilmore (Durham University & British Library)

**Wondrous Horrors: Gog, Magog, and Eschatological Boundaries in the Roman de toute Chevalerie**

**16.00 pm – 18.00 pm** – Visit to the Alexander Exhibition

**18.00 pm – 19.00 pm** – Drinks reception (Entrance Gallery)

**19.00 pm – 20.30 pm** – Public lecture by Robin Lane Fox