Catullus: Text and Interpretation

Tuesdays, 2.00 to 3.30 p.m., Knowles Room, s/c 5, Front Quad, Wadham
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After an introductory session, these classes will work through the poems of Catullus set for the Latin Textual Criticism option for Schools, the M.St. and the M.Phil., discussing textual and literary issues as they arise. The classes are designed primarily for those taking the option (who are also expected to attend the Latin Palaeography classes, Mondays at 12), but would be suitable for anyone wishing to learn about textual criticism or to read a portion of Catullus carefully. Subjects to be considered include the Roman reception of Hellenistic poetry, editorial technique, interpolation, the separation of poems, style and metre. Handouts will be provided. The OCT text of Catullus should be brought to each session. The classes will continue in Hilary Term, when those attending will be invited to lead discussion of some passages/poems.

Schedule 2022-23

MT
Week 1 Introduction (transmission, editions, textual criticism) SJHe/GCT
Week 2 1-3 SJHe
Week 3-4 4-10 GCT
Week 5 11-14 GCT
Weeks 6-7 44-51 SJHe
Week 8 61 GCT

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Weeks 1-2 61 (continued) GCT
Week 2-4 68 SJHe
Week 5 69-76 SJHe
Week 6 95-99 GCT
Week 7 100-1, 114-16 SJHe