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DEPARTMENT OF  
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*Presenting a workshop on:*

## ANCIENT PEACE, MODERN LESSONS

*Over the course of this morning workshop we aim to consider different aspects of the ancient experience of conciliation, and concession, in an attempt to establish imaginative links between past and present. The fundamental premise for this project is that ancient efforts to establish peace offer useful parallels to any contemporary society enduring, or emerging from, conflict.*

*Initially, the search for key counterpoints in ancient history and culture may seem somewhat irregular, given that – from the fall of Troy to the sack of Rome – war seems to have been endemic in antiquity. However, the fixed focus of historians and scholars on conflict and strife has often obscured a concomitant resolve to secure the blessings of peace. It is a commitment to reconciliation and resolution that deserves our attention, not least because the study of ancient lessons can provide us with insights to enhance modern processes.*

*Individual papers in this workshop offer introductory thoughts on ‘peace’ as a critical structural component in the ancient world (and not just as the opposite of war), but there is scope too to open up and open out the discussion further with contributions welcomed from a broader inter-disciplinary audience. Any responses from those familiar with ‘peace’ theory and practice across diverse periods and different regions will be most welcome, as the session seeks to develop a cross-cultural perspective on the issue of peace.*



*‘Priam begging Achilles for the body of Hector’,  
Theobald Chartran (1876)*

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## PROGRAMME:

	Introduction (11.00-11.10)
11:00-12:30	Dr Selga Medenieks (T.C.D.) <i>Cyrus the Great, peacemaker?</i> (11:10-11:35)
	Dr Eoghan Moloney (N.U.I.M.) <i>Macedonian peace: King or Common?</i> (11:35-12:00)
	Dr William Desmond (N.U.I.M.) <i>Aristotle on peace.</i> (12:00-12:25)
12:30-13:00	Coffee
13:00-14:00	Dr Gordon Campbell (N.U.I.M.) <i>Lucretius on love and peace.</i> (13:00-13:25)
	Dr Michael Williams (N.U.I.M.) <i>Altercations, or, how Christians did dialogue.</i> (13:25-13:50)
	Concluding discussion (13:50-14:00)

There is no fee to attend this event, but registration for this event is essential – so please contact [eoghan.moloney@nuim.ie](mailto:eoghan.moloney@nuim.ie).

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