Arms & The Manosphere

A public lecture by Dr. Donna Zuckerberg

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The Manosphere – a virtual network of more than a hundred thousand men, mostly white and heterosexual, sharing anti-feminist ideology on blogs and internet forums – seems an unlikely place to find classical reception. But in between misogynistic vitriol and weightlifting tips, there is a surprising amount of engagement with the classical world to be found there: book reviews of Marcus Aurelius’ Meditations, comparisons between Ovid’s Ars Amatoria and modern pickup artist tactics, analyses of Aristotle’s claims about the inferiority of women. In this talk, Donna Zuckerberg will explore the breadth and meaning of manosphere Classics – and explain why professional classicists can’t afford to ignore it.