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Die genannten Institutionen erlauben sich, zu folgendem Vortrag einzuladen, den

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am Donnerstag, dem **25. April 2013**, um **17 Uhr c. t.**,
im **Hörsaal 21** des Hauptgebäudes der Universität Wien,
1010 Wien, Universitätsring 1,
halten wird:

Scent in Roman Dining

Romans are famous for eating. And they are famous for misbehaving while they ate. But is this fair? At our best-known Roman dinner party, people kept their clothes on and discussed the literature of dining, drawing upon a thousand years of culinary tradition. Basically communal dining helped define a society and people's place within it. What was it (assuming that people didn't take off their clothes or blaspheme the gods) that made for a good Roman party in an ordered society? It was, first and foremost, something that smelled good. Dining, fine or otherwise was as much an experience of nostril and palate in the ancient world as in the modern. The excellence of the Roman dining experience meant creating a scented environment within which food, often highly spiced could be enjoyed by people who were themselves heavily perfumed. The places where people ate were also carefully chosen—to be as far from places that smelt poorly. Kitchens and toilets were kept away from diners as the Roman diner experience was based upon the division between ideal unguental space and odious excremental space.

Gäste sind herzlich willkommen!

Im Anschluss an den Vortrag bittet der Eranos Vindobonensis in die Räumlichkeiten des Instituts für Alte Geschichte und Altertumskunde, Papyrologie und Epigraphik zu einem Gläschen Wein.

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