

Seminar Abstract:

Etruscan: A post mortem.

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Etruscan is a language that was found in what is modern day Tuscany from at least 1000 BC to the first few centuries AD. It is inscribed with the Greek alphabet and is yet to be fully deciphered as it bears no resemblance to any known linguistic family.

As a dead language, Etruscan is particularly difficult to translate. In order to study the language scholars have had to derive information concerning Etruscan from a variety of unusual sources and approaches.

This seminar will focus on these unusual sources and approaches to translation and decipherment, particularly interdisciplinary approaches, and the successes that have been achieved through their use.