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"Plutarch's Prism. Vernacular Translations of Plutarch and Political Thought in Renaissance France and England"

Wednesday, 13 February 2019, 4:00 p.m.

Senior Common Room, Victoria College (rear of 93 Charles Street West) University of Toronto

This talk will explore some key moments in the reception of Plutarch in Renaissance France and England, with some attention to the differing patterns of reception in the vernacular as mediated in part by Desiderius Erasmus.

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Image: Title page of the 1551 edition of Erasmus's

Apophthegmes, a translation of passages from Plutarch's Sayings of Kings and Commanders to which were added passages from other classical sources, the whole of which was then translated from Latin into the French vernacular by Antoine Macault (Bodleian library, Vet. E1 g.44)

