

Andújar's International Institute for German Culture (MAQUE)
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Seneca, *On Benefits* (*De beneficiis*)
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Seneca, *Über Wohltaten* (*De beneficiis*)
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Seneca, *Moral Essays*, 1: “*On Benefits*” (*De beneficiis*)
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(In English)

Reading and discussion of the English translation of the work by John W. Basore (Seneca. *Moral Essays*, Vol. 3, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1989 [Loeb Classical Library 310]) [under consideration of the new translation by Miriam Griffin and Brad Inwood (Seneca, *On Benefits*, Chicago/London: University of Chicago Press, 2014)], including a philosophico-philological analysis of some selected Latin passages)].

“A few are enough; one is enough; not even one is also enough”
(*Satis sunt [...] mihi pauci, satis est unus, satis est nullus*)

“As for rumour and reputation, let us consider them as matters that must, not guide, but follow, our actions”
(*Opinionem quidem et famam eo loco habeamus, tamquam non ducere sed sequi debeat*)



Nero and Seneca, by Eduardo Barrón (1904)
Museo del Prado

Seneca, *On Benefits (De beneficiis)*

1. **(23rd October 2021)**
 - A General Introduction
 - Reading:
 - o Book I, I, 9-13
 - o Book I, II, 2-3
 - o Book I, V, 1-6
 - o Book I, VI, 1-3
 - o Book I, VII, 1-3
2. **(30th October 2021)**
 - Seneca's Biography
 - Reading:
 - o Book II, III, 1-3
 - o Book II, X, 1-4
 - o Book II, XVIII, 4-8
 - o Book II, XIX, 1-2
3. **(6th November 2021)**
 - Seneca's Writings 1: Seneca's Works – Editions and Translations
 - Reading:
 - o Book II, XXXI, 1-5
 - o Book II, XXXII, 1-4
 - o Book II, XXXIII, 1-3
 - o Book II, XXXIV, 1-5
 - o Book II, XXXV, 1-5
4. **(13th November 2021)**
 - Seneca's Writings 2: The ›Consolation‹-Books (c. 38-48 AD); *Apocolocyntosis* (54 AD)
 - Reading:
 - o Book III, VII, 1-3
 - o Book III, XV, 1-4
 - o Book III, XVII, 1-3
 - o Book III, XX, 1-2
 - o Book III, XXI, 1-2
 - o Book III, XXII, 1-2
5. **(20th November 2021)**
 - Seneca's Writings 3: The Middle Period 1: *On Anger (De ira)* (c. 42-49 AD); *On the Firmness of the Wise (De constantia sapientis)* (c. 41-55 AD); *On the Briefness of Life (De brevitae vitae)* (c. 48-55 AD); *Peace of Mind (De tranquillitate animi)* (c. 51-54 AD)
 - Reading:
 - o Book III, XXVIII, 1-4
 - o Book III, XXXI, 3-5
 - o Book III, XXXV, 1-3
 - o Book III, XXXVI, 1-2
6. **(27th November 2021)**
 - Seneca's Writings 4: The Middle Period 2: *On Mercy (De clementia)* (c. 55-56 AD); *On the Happy Life (De vita beata)* (c. 55-62 AD); *On the Briefness of Life (De brevitae vitae)* (c. 48-55 AD); *On Benefits (De beneficiis)* (c. 56-62 AD) The Middle Period 2: *On Mercy (De clementia)* (c. 55-56 AD); *On the Happy Life (De vita beata)* (c. 55-62 AD); *On the Briefness of Life (De brevitae vitae)* (c. 48-55 AD); *On Benefits (De beneficiis)* (c. 56-62 AD)
 - Reading:

- Book IV, I, 1-3
 - Book IV, II, 1-4
 - Book IV, III, 1-3
7. **(4th December 2021)**
- Seneca's Writings 5: Late Works 1: *On Leisure (De otio)* (c. 62-63 AD); *On Providence (De providentia)* (c. 62-63 AD)
 - Reading:
 - Book IV, VII, 1-2
 - Book IV, VIII, 1-3
 - Book IV, IX, 1; 3
 - Book IV, X, 1-5
8. **(11th December 2021)**
- Seneca's Writings 6: Late Works 2: *Natural Questions (Naturales quaestiones)* (c. 62-64 AD); *Letters on Ethics to Lucilius (Epistulae morales)* (c. 62-64 AD)
 - Reading:
 - Book IV, XI, 1-6
 - Book IV, XII, 3-5
 - Book IV, XIII, 1-3
9. **(18th December 2021)**
- Seneca's Writings 7: Tragedies
 - Reading:
 - Book IV, XIV, 1-4
 - Book IV, XV, 1-4
 - Book IV, XVII, 3-4
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10. **(15th January 2022)**
- Seneca's Writings 8: Fragmentarily Extant resp. Lost Works
 - Reading:
 - Book IV, XVIII, 1-4
 - Book IV, XX, 1-3
 - Book IV, XXII, 2-4
 - Book IV, XXV, 1-3
 - Book IV, XXX, 3
11. **(22nd January 2022)**
- Seneca's Writings 9: Pseudoepigraphicals
 - Reading:
 - Book V, II, 1-4
 - Book V, III, 1-2
 - Book V, IV, 1
 - Book V, XII, 5-7
 - Book V, XIII, 1-2
12. **(29th January 2022)**
- Seneca's Influence on Western Culture 1
 - Reading:
 - Book VI, XII, 1-2
 - Book VI, XIV, 3-4
 - Book VI, XLII, 1
 - Book VI, XLIII, 1-3
 - Book VII, II, 2-4
 - Book VII, III, 2
13. **(5th February 2022)**
- Seneca's Influence on Western Culture 2