Thanks to a steady rise in scholarly attention from the second half of the 20th century onwards, our understanding of the literature of the Augustan age and the surrounding periods has, in the last couple of decades, increased to an unprecedented extent. On the occasion of the double bimillennium of the deaths of Livy and Ovid in 2017, this symposium proposes to draw up a balance-sheet of the interaction and exchange between these important authors and the styles and genres they represent. Apart from being stereotypically divided as early versus late, laudatory vs. critical of Augustus, provincial vs. metropolitan, elegant vs. exuberant, or traditional vs. playful in their ethics, both Ovid and Livy consciously blurred the boundary between categories. In his famous preface, the historiographer claimed that part of the material he treats would be more suitable for poetry, while the poet ventured into historical and antiquarian territory, e.g. with his *Fasti*. That raises the interesting question what the connections were between both authors and their works, and the cultural dichotomies they represent. That question could productively be extended to include their mutual relationship with the politics and
urban environment of Rome, as well as the relation between them and their literary predecessors and successors.

**PROGRAM**

**Venue:** University of Amsterdam, Bushuis/Oost-Indisch Huis (Kloveniersburgwal 48), “VOC zaal” (E. 0.02)

15:00 Welcome with coffee and tea

Chair: David Rijser (University of Amsterdam)

15:30 **Pieter van den Broek** (University of Amsterdam): *From elegy to epic: the reception of Ovid’s Anna Perenna in Silius*

16:15 **Raphael Hunsucker** (Radboud University Nijmegen/University of Amsterdam): *Livy’s Camillus and the Augustan poetics of re-foundation*

17:00 **Irene Leonardis** (Università degli studi di Pavia): *Between prose and poetry: the role of verses in Varro’s Menippean Satires*

18:00 Drinks

19:30 Dinner

Attendance is free of charge, but notification is appreciated. Please contact Raphael Hunsucker (R.Hunsucker@uva.nl) 5 November at the latest.