



Bölcsészettudományi
Kutatóközpont
Irodalomtudományi
Intézet

MEGHÍVÓ

A Bölcsészettudományi Kutatóközpont Irodalomtudományi Intézetének Reneszánsz Osztálya tisztelettel meghívja Önt a **2023. május 23-án**, kedden délután 14 órakor kezdődő vitaülésére:

VALERY REES

(School of Philosophy and Economic Science, London)

The model of a Philosophic life, according to Ficino



The details of various Renaissance philosophers' beliefs have been much discussed from many different angles, but one outstanding feature that deserves consideration, in the context of debates about whether 'Renaissance philosophy' really exists, is the degree to which its various proponents held to a view of the philosophic life as it is to be lived. I shall examine one such philosopher, Marsilio Ficino, whose view of the philosophic life was interlaced with views equally related to the religious life, but who was also greatly influenced by the lives and practices of the philosophers of pagan antiquity.

Especially relevant to this enquiry are two works linking philosophy and religion: his early *De raptu Pauli* and his late unfinished commentary on the *Epistles of St Paul*, both the subject of current study, as well as his early *Life of Plato*, so meaningful to the English poet Thomas Traherne. I shall also touch on evidence from his letters and from his *Three Books on Life*.

VALERY REES has worked for many years on *The Letters of Marsilio Ficino* (London: Shephard-Walwyn, 11 vols. to date). She has published numerous articles, including studies of Ficino's influence on two poets, Edmund Spenser and Michele Marullus. She has co-edited several collections of academic essays, as well as teaching, and contributing to BBC Radio 4's *In Our Time*. Her monograph *From Gabriel to Lucifer. A Cultural History of Angels* (2013) was reprinted in 2015 and published in a German translation in 2017. She leads Renaissance Studies at the School of Philosophy and Economic Science in London, home of the *Letters* project; is a Member of the Cambridge Centre for the Study of Platonism, a member of the editorial team for the Oxford Traherne project, and an Honorary Associate of Newnham College, Cambridge.

Az előadás helyszíne: BTK Irodalomtudományi Intézet, Bp., 1118. Ménesi út 11–13., első emeleti tanácsterem.

Szívélyes üdvözlettel:
Kecskeméti Gábor
igazgató