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Sinon and Cicero: Deceptive Oratory and Anti-Ciceronian Propaganda in Vergil and Late Rhetorical Tradition

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The late rhetorical tradition associates the figure of Sinon, the archetypical Greek liar, with that of Cicero, both of them regarded as masters of oratory as the art of ‘insinuation’ and illusion. Starting from the controversial relationship between Cicero and Vergil, in this lecture I draw attention to Sinon’s speech in the Second Book of the Aeneid as a specimen of deceptive oratory, profoundly indebted to Cicero’s rhetorical and political manipulation of exilic topoi. Though not sympathetic with Cicero, Vergil was fascinated by the republican orator’s astonishing ability to sway the minds of his listeners/readers by means of deceit and tricky linguistic stratagems. Albeit the comparison of Sinon and Cicero may have been originated in anti-Ciceronian propaganda, Vergil’s depiction of Sinon as a ‘Ciceronian’ orator suggests that Cicero’s manipulative exploitation of the psychagogic power of the logos impacted on his reception from the Augustan period onwards and contributed to the establishment of his figure as a ‘sophist’ in educational system in late antiquity.