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The Department of Classical Antiquities of 'Sapienza' University of Rome expresses its sincere support to the organisation of World Logic Day, promoted by UNESCO and the Conseil International de Philosophie et des Sciences Humaines (CIPSH), given the key-role played by Logic in the classical world as well as in the study of the ancient civilizations and cultural expressions.

Logic truly matters to the scholars engaged with the investigation of human past and especially of the Classical Antiquities: The concept itself of Logic was widely developed by Greek philosophers, starting from Aristotle, whose works laid down the ground for the subsequent theoretical reflections and practical applications of rational thinking in the Western cultures. Besides, rationality has been intertwined, throughout the centuries, with ethics, rhetoric, literature, philosophical thinking and syllogism, urban planning, spatial and functional organisations of sacred, residential, public and civic areas of the ancient cities.

Furthermore, critical thinking stands as the base for proper scientific investigations in several fields of researches concerning the Classical world, such as archaeology, philology, epigraphy, history.

Therefore, considering logic and critical thinking as core ingredients of the Greek-Roman cultural and artistic manifestations, thought and behaviours and, at the same time, as crucial elements for the correct understanding of the ancient cultures, that were deeply rooted in logical reasoning, the Department of Classics welcomes the initiative dedicated to Logic and its relevance from the ancient times to our days.

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