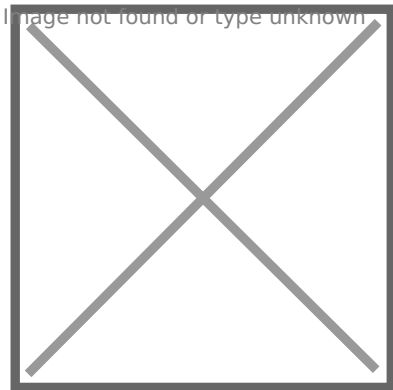


Themista of Lampsacus

Post by “Don” of April 15, 2023 at 8:13 AM

I just got *The Invention and Gendering of Epicurus* through interlibrary loan yesterday and started with the chapter on women in the Garden. The author, within a few pages in the chapter, brought up the fact that some scholars identify a statue of St. Hippolytus in the Vatican as having originally been a statue of Themista of Lampsacus due to the obvious women's double hem and sandals and characteristic throne. The statue, as it is seen today, is pieced together from various fragments, but the throne and base are one piece.

I found one open access article that talks about this:



[A Heavily Bearded Philosopher in Women's Underwear. Deconstructing and Reconstructing the Identity of the So-called Hippolytus Statue. In: Louvain Studies 44 \(2021\), 340-364 \(Open Access\)](#)

Strictly speaking, the so-called Hippolytus statue should not exist. This free-standing, full-size sculpture of a bearded philosopher, supplied with Christian...

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Or Google [Themista Hippolytus] and you'll get more resources.

I was completely unaware of this prior to *The Invention and Gendering of Epicurus* so I am very much looking forward to reading the book.