

The new critical edition of Mustio's *Gynaecia* – prolegomena and problems

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The *Gynaecia* of Mustio, a medical treatise dated to the 6th century AD, counts only one critical edition to date; it has been published by Valentin Rose in 1882, the first scholar to have the possibility to read and study the three main witnesses of the manuscript tradition. This edition is clearly an essential starting point for the study of the text; however, the scholar edited a Latin that seems too classical for the time period and the genre of the *Gynaecia*, choosing, when needed, to follow the more recent and less vulgar of the manuscripts.

In this talk, I would like to explain the reasons behind the necessity of a new critical edition; we will then try to delineate a panoramic of the new language of the *Gynaecia* - a later and more vulgar Latin - focusing on its special lexicon and, finally, on the main problems and questions still in need of further research.