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Herodotus' Histories as 'monument'

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that will take place
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ABSTRACT:

As is well-known, Herodotus sees himself as the successor to Homer, who sets himself the task to preserve, in a new medium, the kleos of previous generations. But the very new medium in which Herodotus works, written prose as against (Homer's) oral poetry, brings along new ambitions and new (figurative) language to frame those ambitions. The aim of Professor de Jong's presentation is threefold: to (1) discuss (the language of) those ambitions of Herodotus-narrator, (2) show how these mirror the ambitions of his characters, and (3) compare these new forms of commemoration with the old Homeric model."

