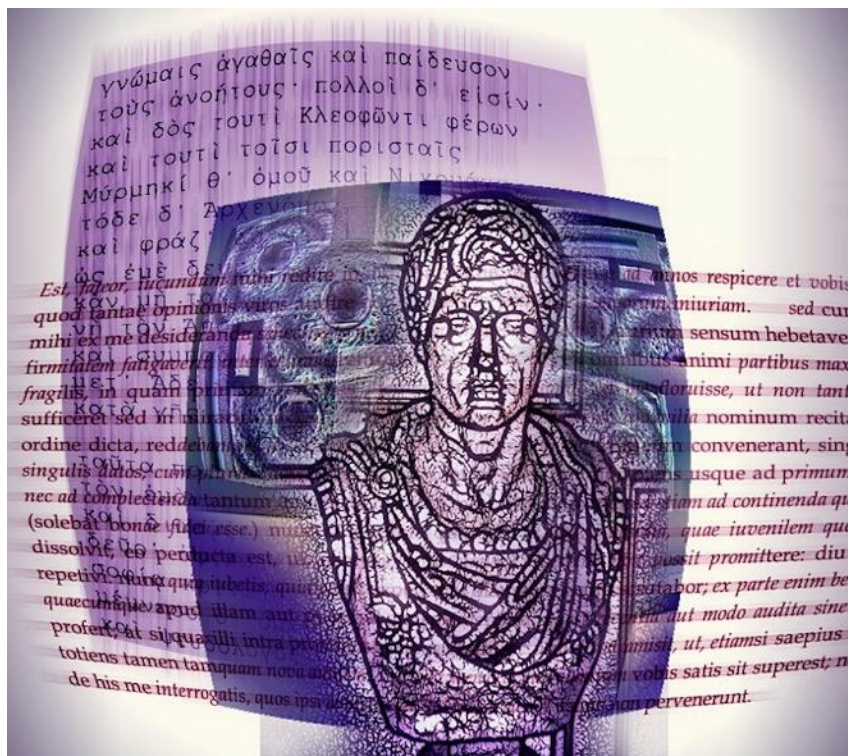


## IN THE SHADOW OF ANCIENTS:

Some Thoughts about Modernism



**Tim:** So many schools stand in the shadows of ancient Greek and Roman models.

**Liao:** Of course. However, I'm not worried about that. Academic overspecialization concerns me more: cross-discipline communication is becoming increasingly hard.

**Satoru:** That's true. Moreover, it's a challenge to communicate complex information to ordinary folks.

**Melissa:** It feels as if knowledge is fragmenting. . . there's too much to absorb!

**Liao:** Melissa, you think too much like a modern. Many ancients believed no "new" knowledge existed. They held that all fundamental truths were revealed during some "golden age".

**Satoru:** (clearing his throat) Anyway, whenever people talk about "golden ages" I simply laugh.

**Melissa:** Yeah, how easily intoxicated we are by our own words!

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