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cordially invite you to the guest-lecture by

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on

***Sex, Sects, and Snakes: The Rhetoric of Heresy in the Panarion of  
Epiphanius of Cyprus***



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In modern scholarship, Epiphanius of Cyprus (ca. 315-403) is largely vilified as a fundamentalist, anti-intellectual, religious fanatic. His only redeeming quality, it seems, is that he has preserved certain writings of those whom he condemned as heretics, which otherwise would have been lost. There is, however, a much smaller minority that regards him as a saint and a staunch defender of orthodoxy. So how are we to regard a patristic figure who evokes such polarizing perspectives? This paper will explore Epiphanius's rhetoric of heresy, the strategies he deployed in the composition of the Panarion, to suggest that there is a more nuanced understanding available with respect to this controversial churchfather.