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What is a Critical Edition? Historical and Methodological Reflections

Abstract - The lecture examines a number of historical and methodological aspects of critical editions. Historically, the development of editions from ancient Greece until our own times will be sketched out, concentrating upon Hellenistic and Roman editions, Renaissance tendencies, the method of Lachmann, and contemporary issues. Methodologically, the following questions will be among those addressed: what makes a critical edition critical; to whom are critical editions addressed; to what extent do different kinds of texts require different kinds of critical editions.