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Table manners in greek vase painting: What is wrong with a hero behaving like a cannibal?

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Tuesday, 4th Nov’08, 4:00 pm
Tea/Coffee will be served at 3:30 pm

Venue: CCS Seminar Hall, IISc (Former TIFR Mathematics Building)

Ancient greek myths were more than a pastime: they were, as a famous anthropologist once said, good to think with, mirroring very basic (and sometimes unsolvable) problems of society. Greek vases that were used at drinking parties often depict scenes from myth; but the images do not simply repeat the stories as we know them from poetry: in the visual medium the tales can acquire new meanings and a disturbing quality that goes beyond what is expressed in words.