



The Reception of Plato from Late Antiquity to the Middle Ages

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PROGRAM 6-8 JUNE 2021

June 6 KEYNOTE 1

Baltzly, Dirk, Philosophy in the Service of Empire, University of Tasmania (dirk.baltzly@utas.edu.au) **June 6, 10-10.40pm Australia time/ 3-3.40pm Athens/ 8-8.40am Boston/Ottawa**

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BREAK 10.40-11pm Australia/3.40-4pm Athens/ 8.40-9am Boston

Online Session 1 June 6

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1a. Miles, Graeme, Proclus on Plato's Good and the Analogy of the Sun, University of Tasmania (graeme.miles@utas.edu.au) **June 6, 11-11.20pm Australia/4-4.20pm Athens/9-9.20am Boston**

2a. David Hernández de la Fuente (Complutense University of Madrid) and Marco Alviz Fernández (National University of Distance Learning, UNED, Madrid) (dahdelafuente@filol.ucm.es) The concept of *συνουσία* as a Pythagorean-Platonic heritage in the Late Antique Neoplatonic Schools (malviz@bec.uned.es) **June 6, 3.20-3.40pm Spain/ 4.20-4.40pm Athens/11.20-11.40pm Australia/9.20-9.40am Boston**

3a. Ilievski, Viktor, Plato's Vision of Chōra-Anankē and Its Three Important Platonic Interpretations, University of Barcelona (viktor.ilievski@uab.cat) June 6, **3.40-4pm Spain**/4.40-5pm Athens/ 11.40-12am Australia/ 9.40-10am Boston/Ottawa

4a. Anjos, Duarte, The Helmsman and the Charioteer in Neoplatonic Thought, University of Lisbon (duarteanjos@campus.ul.pt) June 6, **3-3.20pm Lisbon**/ 5-5.20pm Athens/ 12-12.20am Australia/ 10-10.20am Boston/Ottawa

5a. Cimasky, Joseph, Suddenly Plotinus: The Platonic Template for Plotinian Illumination, Cabrini University (joecimasky@gmail.com) June 6, **10.20-10.40am Pennsylvania** /5.20-5.40pm Athens /12.20-12.40am Melbourne

BREAK 5.40-6pm Athens/12.40-1am Melbourne/12.40-11am Boston/Ottawa

6a. Payne, Andrew, Dialectic and the Mathematical Sciences: Archytas, Plato, Plotinus, Saint Joseph University (apayne@sju.edu) June 6, **11-11.20am Philadelphia time**/ 6-6.20pm Athens/ 1-1.20am Melbourne

7a. Sauder, Christopher, Evil Souls: The Dualisms of Plutarch and Numenius, Providence College, Montréal (csauder@providence.edu) June 6, **11.20-11.40am Montreal time**/6.20-6.40pm Athens/1.20-1.40am Melbourne

Parallel Online Session 2 June 6

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1b. Domaradzki, Mikolaj, The Lotus and The Boat: Plutarch and Iamblichus on Egyptian Symbols, University in Poznań (mikdom@amu.edu.pl) June 6, **3-3.20pm Poland**/ 11-11.20pm Australia time/4-4.20pm Athens/ 9-9.20am Boston

2b. Pavlos, Panagiotis, The reality of Evil in Dionysius the Areopagite, University of Oslo (panagiotis.pavlos@ifikk.uio.no) June 6, **3.20-3.40 Norway** /4.20-4.40pm Athens/11.20-11.40pm Melbourne/9.20-9.40am Boston

3b. Kaklamanou, Eleni, Proclus on Plato's opening lines, Trinity College Dublin (kaklamae@tcd.ie) June 6, **2.40-3pm Ireland** / 4.40-5pm Athens/ 11.40-1am Australia/ 9.40-10am Boston/Ottawa

4b. Chriti, Maria, Cratylus' Linguistic Theory in Ammonius' Commentaries: Smoothing the Extremities, University of Thessaloniki (mchriti@gmail.com) June 6, **5-5.20pm Athens**/ 12-12.20am Australia/10-10.20am Boston/Ottawa

5b. Akhunova, Olga, Philosophy as an Instrument of Plot-Making (on Platonic 'Key' to Apuleius' Metamorphoses), HSE University, (oakhunova@hse.ru) June 6, **5.20-5.40pm Athens and Moscow** / 12.20-12.40am Melbourne/ 10.20-10.40am Ottawa/Boston

BREAK 5.40-6pm Athens/12.40-1am Melbourne/12.40-11am Boston/Ottawa

6b. Khubulava, Tamar, The meaning of divine light in us in Proclus' Platonic Theology, University of Freiburg (tamar.khubulava@gmail.com) June 6, **5-5.20pm Freiburg** / 6-6.20pm Athens/ 1-1.20am Melbourne/ 11-11.20am Boston/Ottawa

7b. Seal, Carey, Olympiodorus on Protreptic and Self-Transformation, University of California, Davis (cseal@ucdavis.edu) June 6, **8.20-8.40pm California**/ 6.20-6.40pm Athens/ 1.20-1.40am Melbourne/ 11.20-11.40 Boston/Ottawa

JUNE 7

Online Session 1

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- 1a. Dieckmann Amber, Platonic Influences in the Testament of Job, University of New England (abremne2@myune.edu.au) June 7, **10-10.20pm Australia** / 3-3.20pm Athens/ 8-8.20am Boston/Ottawa
- 2a. Jiang Lu, The Platonic Tradition in Aelred's of Rievaulx's De Anima, Sun Yat-sen University (jianglu.sysu@gmail.com) June 7, **8.20-8.40pm Shenzhen China time**, 3.20-3.40pm Athens/ 10.20-10.40pm Australia time/ 8.20-8.40am Boston/Ottawa time
- 3a. Kennedy Scott, The Marriage of History and Philosophy: Laonikos Chalkokondyles' Histories and Plato's Laws, Bilkent University (scott.kennedy@bilkent.edu.tr) June 7, **3.40-4pm Athens and Ankara**/ 10.40-11pm Melbourne/ 8.40-9am Boston
- 4a. Varlamova Maria, Prime matter as extension in Simplicius' Commentary on Aristotle's Physics, The Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences (boat.mary@gmail.com) June 7, **4-4.20pm Athens and St Petersburg**/11-11.20pm Australia/9-9.20am Boston
- 5a. Iliopoulos Giorgos, Dialectic in Proclus and the Unity of Philosophical Disciplines, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (giliop@philosophy.uoa.gr) June 7, **4.20-4.40pm Athens** /11.20-11.40pm Australia/9.20-9.40am Boston

Parallel Online Session 2

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- 1b. Marinescu Rares, Nature as an instrumental cause. Proclus' Prologue in his Commentary on the Timaeus, University of Cambridge (rim32@cam.ac.uk) June 7, **1-20pm Cambridge time** / 3-3.20pm Athens/ 10-10.20pm Australia /8-8.20am Boston/Ottawa
- 2b. Neola Benedetto, The "One" and the "Intellect" of Human Soul: Neoplatonic Receptions of Plato's Phaedrus, Istituto Italiano per gli Studi Filosofici (Naples, Italy) (benedetto.neola05@gmail.com) June 7, **2.20-2.40pm Naples time** /3.20-3.40pm Athens/ 10.20-10.40pm Australia time/ 8.20-8.40 Boston/Ottawa time
- 3b. Lazou Anna, The Neoplatonic version of the dance-of-the-stars-metaphor of the Platonic Timaeus, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens; (lazou@philosophy.uoa.gr, lazou2011.ancientorchesis@gmail.com) June 7, **3.40-4pm Athens** / 10.40-11 Melbourne/ 8.40-9am Boston

4b. Seissl Thomas, How to take it literally? Simplicius' relecture of Aristotelian issues as a Neoplatonic interpretation of the Timaeus, University of Vienna (thomas.seissl@univie.ac.at) June 7, **3-3.20pm Vienna** / 4-4.20pm Athens /11-11.20pm Australia/9-9.20am Boston

5b. Kiosoglou Socrates-Athanasios, Do axioms admit of evidence for Proclus? National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (thanoskiosoglou@hotmail.com) June 7, **4.20-4.40pm Athens** /11.20-11.40pm Australia/9.20-9.40am Boston

BREAK 4.40-5pm Athens/ 11.40-12am Melbourne/9.40-10am Boston

KEYNOTE 2

Gerson Lloyd Living in Eternity, University of Toronto (lloyd.gerson@utoronto.ca) June 7, 11-11.40am Ontario local time **June 7, 10-10.40am Toronto**/ 5-5.40pm Athens/ 12-12.40am Melbourne

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BREAK 5.40-6pm Athens/ 12.40-1am Melbourne/ 10.40-11am Boston

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6a. Charalambopoulos Nikolaos Plato's rural landscapes in their late-antique guise, University of Patras (ncharalabopoulos@upatras.gr) June 7, **6-6.20pm Athens**/ 1-1.20am Melbourne/ 11-11.20am Boston/Ottawa time

7a. Papalexiou Gina, The closure of the platonic Academy in late antiquity, University of Thessaloniki (papalexiougina@gmail.com) June 7, **6.20-6.40pm Athens**/ 1.20-1.40am Melbourne/ 11.20-11.40 Boston/Ottawa

8a. Vasilakis Dimitrios, Love and Platonic Descent: some consequences in Proclus and Dionysius, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (dimitrios.vasilakis86@gmail.com) June 7, **6.40-7pm Athens**/11.40-12pm Boston/ 1.40-2am Melbourne

9a. Skliris, Dionisis, Neoplatonist influences on the notion of 'analogical participation' in the thought of Saint Maximus the Confessor (c. 580-662), National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, (dionysios.skliris@gmail.com) June 7, **7-7.20pm Athens**/12-12.20pm Boston/2-2.20am Melbourne

10a. Arabatzis, George, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, **organizer** June 7, **7.20-7.40pm Athens**/12.20-12.40pm Boston/2.20-2.40am Melbourne

Parallel Online Session 2b (use link for session 2)

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6b. Tsekoura, Katerina, Plato and the Neo-Platonic philosophy in the “Bibliotheca” of Photius, University of Ioannina (aikaterinh.tsekoura@gmail.com) **June 7, 6-6.20pm Athens / 1-1.20am Melbourne/ 11-11.20am Boston/Ottawa time**

7b. Anzalone, David, The Early Reception of Plato through Aristotle in the Latin World, University of Lucerne (d.g.anzalone@gmail.com) **5.20-5.40 Swiss time/6.20-6.40pm Athens/ 1.20-1.40am Melbourne/ 11.20-11.40 Boston/Ottawa**

8b. Shalev, Donna, Survivals of Socrates and Features of Platonic Composition: Dialogue, Myth and Mise-en-Scène in Medieval Arabic Translations of Plato, Hebrew University of Jerusalem (donna@mail.huji.ac.il) **June 7, 6.40-7pm Athens and Jerusalem/11.40-12pm Boston/ 1.40-2am Melbourne**

9b. Arshad, Sohaib and Mariam Aisha Sherazi Plato as the Archetypal Wise Old Man in Rumi's Mathnawi, Lahore, Pakistan (arshad_sohaib@hotmail.com and mariam.sherazi@gmail.com) **June 7, 9-20pm Lahore/ 7.20-7.40pm Athens/12.20-12.40pm Boston/2.20-2.40am Melbourne**

10b. Steiris, George, The Platonic element in the Medieval Islamic idea of the City, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (gsteiris@philosophy.uoa.gr), **organizer June 7, 7.20-7.40pm Athens/12.40-1pm Boston/2.40-3am Melbourne**

JUNE 8

KEYNOTE 3

Ramelli, Iliaria, Some Aspects of the Reception of Plato in Gregory of Nyssa, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart – Durham University – Cambridge University (ramelli.ilaria@shms.edu; i.l.e.ramelli@durham.ac.uk) **June 8, 1.45-2.25pm Rome/9.45-10.25pm Australia/2.45-3.25pm Athens/Tel Aviv/ Boston 7.45-8.25am**

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BREAK 10.25-10.40pm/3.25-3.40pmAthens/8.25-8.40am Boston

Online session 1

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1a. Adrahtas, Vassilis, Askesis, Eros, Illumination: The Reception of Plato in Three Pivotal Byzantine Hagiographical Texts of the 11th century, University of New South Wales (mousaiostheotrelas@yahoo.com) **June 8, 10.40-11pm Australia time/3.40-4pm Athens/8.40-9.00am Boston/Ottawa**

2a. Anagnostou-Laoutides, Eva [Eva.Anagnostou-Laoutides@mq.edu.au], Ecstatic Inebriation in Plato and Cristoforo Landino, Macquarie University **organizer June 8, 11-11.20pm Australia time/4-4.20pm Athens/ 9-9.20am Boston/Ottawa**

3a. Case, Brendan, Scibile secundum Philosophum Aeternum Est”: Bonaventure’s Use of Eustratius of Nicaea’s Commentary on the Nicomachean Ethics, Harvard University (brendan_case@fas.harvard.edu) **June 8, 9.20-9.40am Boston local time/4.20-4.40pm Athens/11.20-11.40pm Australia**

4a. Lauritzen, Frederick, A Platonic Philosopher on Mt Olympos. Nicholas of the Beautiful Source and Psellos, Scuola Grande di San Marco, Venice (frederick.lauritzen@scuolagrandesanmarco.it) **June 8, 3.40-4pm Venice/4.40-5pm Athens/11.40-12am Australia/9.40-10am Boston**

5a. Ventimiglia, Giovanni, The importance of Plato’s Doctrines of Principles in Aquinas’s Metaphysics, University of Lucerne [giovanni.ventimiglia@unilu.ch] **June 8, 4.20pm Swiss time/ 5-5.20pm Athens/ 12-12.20am Australia/10-10.20am Boston**

BREAK 5.40-6pm Athens/12.40-1am Australia/10.40-11am Boston

Parallel online Session 2

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1b. Bhola, Rajiv, Short, but Sweet: Eusebius' Refutation of Plato in the Praeparatio Evangelica, University of Ottawa (rajiv.k.bhola@gmail.com) **June 8, 9-9.20am Ottawa/ 4-4.20pm Athens/11-11.20pm Australia/9-9.20am Boston**

2b. Sheeley, Kristian K., The Necessity of Moral Virtue for Spiritual Illumination in The Cappadocian Fathers, University of Kentucky (Sheeleyk@uky.edu) **June 8, 9.20-9.40 Kentucky time/ 4.20-4.40pm Athens/ /11.20-11.40pm Australia**

3b. Alexidze, Lela, "Falsehood and two-facedness injure the body and then the soul" – a 'quotation' from Plato in Rustaveli, Tbilisi Ivane Javakhishvili State University (lelaalexidze@hotmail.com) **June 8, 5.40-6pm Georgia/ 4.40-5pm Athens /11.40-12am Melbourne**

4b. Dmitriev, Sviatoslav, Plato's political philosophy in early Byzantine attitudes toward imperial power, Ball State University (dmitriev.bsu@gmail.com) **June 8, 10-10.20am Indianapolis/ 5-20pm Athens/12-12.20am Australia/10-10.20am Boston**

5b. Hannan, Sean, Plotinus and Augustine on Timaeus 37D and the Temporality of Eudaemonia, MacEwan University (HannanS@macewan.ca) **June 8, 8.20-8.40am Edmonton/ 5.20-5.40pm Athens, 12.20-12.40am Australia/**

BREAK 5.40-6pm Athens/12.40-1am/10.40-11am Boston

KEYNOTE 4

Corrigan, Kevin, How Plato's intelligible world gave birth to the world of the imagination: reading Plato from the 4th C BCE to the 12th C CE, Emory University (kcorrigan@emory.edu) **June 8, 11-11.40am Atlanta time/6-6.40pm Athens/ 1-1.40am Australia**

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Conference Conclusions