

21st -23rd July 2017

**Philosophy in its Beginnings: On the Conceptualisation, Criticism,
and Justification of Philosophy in Antiquity**

Berlin, Hannoversche Str. 6, Room 1.03

FRIDAY, 21st July 2017

From 9:40 Coffee

10 - 10:10 Introduction

Chair: Colin Guthrie King (Providence College)

10:10 - 11:25 **Robert Bolton** (Rutgers University): Dialectic and Analytics: Aristotle's
Two Standards for Inquiry

11:30 - 12:45 **Ian Campbell** (Princeton University): The Eristic Background to the
Platonic and Aristotelian Principle of Noncontradiction

Lunch

Chair: Thomas Slabon (Stanford University)

13:45 - 15:00 **Laura Viidebaum** (NYU): Isocrates on philosophy

15:05 - 16:20 **Marina McCoy** (Boston College): Philosophia in the Platonic dialogues
and competitors' false practices of wisdom

Break

Chair: Johanna Schmitt (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

16:50 - 18:05 **Christopher Roser** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): Philosophy as
expertise in logoi in Plato. Or what is the difference between rhetoric and
dialectic?

18:15 - 19:30 **John Sellars** (King's College London): What was Hellenistic philosophy?

20:00 **Dinner: La Galleria Italiana, Torstraße 182**

SATURDAY, 22nd July 2017

From 9:40 Coffee

Chair: Joseph Bjelde (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

10:00 - 11:15 **Christopher Moore** (Penn State University): Calling philosophoi names:
on the origins of a discipline

11:20 - 12:35 **Ronja Hildebrandt** (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin): What's Philosophy for Aristotle?

Lunch

Chair: David Ebrey (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

13:30 - 14:45 **Monte Ransome Johnson** (University of California, San Diego): Aporetic: arguments against philosophy (and their refutation in Aristotle's lost dialogue the *Protrepticus*)

14:50 - 16:05 **Matthew Walker** (Yale-NUS): Isocrates, Aristotle, and the Possibility of Philosophical Progress

Break

Chair: Christopher Roser (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

16:35 - 17:50 **David Gallop** (Trent University): The Origin of Philosophy in 'Wonder'

17:55 - 19:10 **Matthias Perkams** (Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena): Methodik und Mystik. Der Übergang vom spätantiken Platonismus zum mittelalterlichen Aristotelismus im Spiegel zweier Grundanliegen von "Philosophie" (Method and Mystic. The transition from late ancient Platonism to medieval Aristotelianism in the light of two fundamental concerns of philosophy)¹

20:00 **Dinner:** Lucky Star, Friedrichstraße 127

SUNDAY, 23rd July 2017

From 9:40 Coffee

Chair: Benjamin Wilck (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

10:00 - 11:15 **Raul Heimann** (Freie Universität Berlin): Plato's defense and conception of philosophy in Republic VII

11:20 - 12:35 **Rasmus Sevelsted** (University of Cambridge): Plato on being perfectly mousikos. Poetry as the beginning of philosophy in Plato's Republic

Break

Chair: Jan Gerold (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

12:45 - 14:00 **William Desmond** (Maynooth University): Plato's Mythology of Reason

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¹ Matthias Perkams's paper will be in German, but there will be an extensive handout in English.