

London Ancient Science Conference 2012

Monday 8th October.

12:30 – 14:00 Session 1: Room G22, Senate House.

Dr. Matt Duncombe (University of Groningen): Dialectic and deduction in Aristotle's *Prior Analytics* 1.

Daniele Labriola (University of St. Andrews): On the Science Of Dialectic And Its Educative Role In Plato.

Tea 14:00 – 14:45.

14:45 – 16:35 Session 2: Room G22, Senate House.

Dr. Michalis Sialaros (Birkbeck) and Dr. Apostolos Doxiadis: Introducing the 'Muse of the Hypotenuse': A discussion of the influences of Poetry and Rhetoric on the formation of Greek mathematics.

Janine Gühler (University of St. Andrews): Aristotle's method of abstraction.

Peter Griffiths (Independent Scholar): The Egyptian Numerical Impact on Archimedes's Computation of PI in 212 BC.

17:30 – 19:00 Symposium: Room G08, Chadwick Building, UCL.

Dr. Andrew Gregory (UCL): Thomas Kuhn on Ancient Science.

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Tuesday 9th October

09:30 – 11:30 Session 1: Room G22, Senate House.

Prof. John Sisko (NYU): "Was Parmenides a Creationist?"

Dr. Andreas Schwab (Universität Heidelberg): Aristotle and his commentators on Thales' Psychology

Aimee Schofield (University of Manchester): Building Philon's Catapults: Problems of Interpretation

Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30.

12:30 – 14:30 Session 2: Room G22, Senate House.

Luca Pitteloud (Berkeley): Mathematics and Metaphysics in the *Timaeus*

Neils Hermansson (University of Edinburgh): Plato's medical theory in the *Timaeus*: a non-confrontational offer of a rational foundation for, and influenced by 'Hippocratic' medicine.

Dr. Robert Lloyd (): How old are the Platonic Solids?

Tea: 14:30 – 15:00

15:00 – 17:00 Session 3: Room G22, Senate House.

Dr. Paolo Badalotti (Udine): Simplicius' Commentary on Aristotle's *De Caelo*.

Gabriella Guarino (): The zoology of Plutarch: examples of animal's virtues.

Michiel Meeusen (Leeuven): Picturing the World - Some Remarks on Epistemology and Ontology in Plutarch's *Quaestiones Naturales*

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Dr. Andrew Gregory (UCL): Presocratic Targeting of Homer and Hesiod.

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Wednesday, October 10th.

09:30 – 11:30 Session 1: Dellar Hall, Senate House.

Dr. Ulrike Steinert (UCL): Some problems regarding the interpretation of Ancient Mesopotamian medical texts on women's diseases.

Keith Stewart (University of Exeter): Galen's elemental theory of the human body

Marzia Soardi (University of Palermo): Aristotle on spontaneous generation

Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30.

12:30 – 14:30 Session 2: Dellar Hall, Senate House.

Dr. Attila Németh (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest): Cicero and the Epicurean Sorites.

Aiste Celkyte (): The ancient version of emergence? The Stoic definition of *summetria*

Dr. Andree Hahmann (University of Oxford): Divination and the nature of chance

Tea: 14:30 – 15:00

15:00 – 17:00 Session 3: Dellar Hall, Senate House.

Roberto Grasso (University of Edinburgh): The mesotês-like homeostatic physiology of perception in Aristotle.

Dr T. Crowley (University College Dublin): Perceptible Bodies' at De Gen. et Cor. II.1

Dr. Andrew Gregory (UCL): Number and Numerology in Early Pythagoreanism.

18:00 – Keeling Lecture: Gustave Tuck Lecture Theatre, UCL.

Prof. Richard Sorabji (Oxford): The origins of the idea of moral conscience, and subsequent consequences.

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