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NEWSLETTER 1990/91.1 (September)

You are invited to attend the ninth annual meeting of the Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy with the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science October 26, 27, 28 at Baruch College in New York City. The program is attached. There is no registration fee; dinner Friday, breakfast and lunch Saturday, and breakfast and lunch Sunday, are provided.

December SAGP Programs

The meeting of the SAGP with the Eastern Division of the American Philosophical Association will be held at the Boston Marriott on Friday, December 28, at 5:15 p.m. in the Harvard Room.

Plato's *Timaeus*

Chair: A. Preus

Thomas M. Robinson, *Toronto*, "The Theodicy of the *Timaeus*"

Dorothea Frede, *Swarthmore*, "Common Concepts in Plato's *Timaeus*"

The meeting of the SAGP with the American Philological Association will be held in San Francisco December 28-30.

Stoic Ethics

Chair: Julius Moravcsik, President SAGP, *Stanford*

Eckart Schütrumpf, *U. of Colorado at Boulder*, "*Materia Virtutis* in Stoic Ethics"

Walter G. Englert, *Reed College*, "Seneca and the Stoic View of Suicide"

These four papers will be distributed in November to those who have paid dues for the 1990/91 academic year. Papers for the Pacific Division meeting will be distributed in February, and papers for the Central Division meeting in March, again to dues-payers.

DUES

Dues are \$5 per year (\$7.50 Canadian), payable by check made out to SAGP (or Foundation 372a). If you have not yet sent your dues for the 90/91 academic year, we urge you to send your check now. If 200 members have paid their dues by November, we will be able to send out the December papers at a much reduced postal rate; well over 300 persons pay dues each year, but too many wait until after the December papers have been mailed. To the 80 or so who have already paid their dues for this year, thank you.

Papers at the meetings with the American Philosophical Association and American

Philological Association are invited by consensus of the Program Committee (The President and Secretary, *ex officio*, John Anton, W. W. Fortenbaugh, Julius Moravcsik, Joseph Owens, Robert Turnbull). Papers on any topic in ancient and/or medieval philosophy may be submitted for the annual meeting in October with SSIPS.

The Proceedings of the Duke Conference on Tradition and Innovation in Epicureanism, held in April 1989, have now been published. The collection, edited by Paul A. Vander Waerdt and published as a special number of *Greek, Roman, and Byzantine Studies* 30 (1989) 141-335, contains the following contributions: Julia Annas, "Epicurean Emotions"; David K. O'Connor, "The Invulnerable Pleasures of Epicurean Friendship"; Dirk Obbink, "The Atheism of Epicurus"; Paul A. Vander Waerdt, "Colotes and the Epicurean Refutation of Skepticism"; David Sedley, "The Proems of Empedocles and Lucretius"; Michael J. White, "What to Say to a Geometer"; Diskin Clay, "A Lost Epicurean Community". The collection is available for the price of \$5.00 from Professor Keith Stanley, Senior Editor of GRBS, Box 4715 Duke Station, Duke University, Durham, NC 27706.

KNOWLEDGE, BEAUTY, AND HUMAN RELATIONS

in Antiquity and in Christian, Jewish, Islamic, and African Philosophy

Ninth Annual SSIPS/SAGP Conference

October 26, 27, 28, 1990

Baruch College of the City University of New York
Friday: Administration Center Lounge, Third Floor
135 East 22nd St., New York, NY, 10010
Saturday and Sunday: Rooms 1402-1410, 111 East 18th St

Sponsors: The Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy and Science (SSIPS); The Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP); The International Society for Neoplatonic Studies (ISNS); Baruch College, CUNY; Princeton University Program in Near Eastern Studies; The Graduate School of the University of Toronto; Hamdad Foundation of Pakistan; Center for African Studies, Seton Hall University.

The Conference is open, free of charge, to all members of academic institutions and their guests.

Friday, October 26 (135 E. 22nd St., Admin. Lounge, Third Floor)

6 p.m.: Registration; 7 p.m.: Welcoming remarks

Parviz Morewedge, Conference Host, *Baruch CUNY*

Anthony Preus, SAGP, *SUNY Binghamton*

Donald Smith, *Baruch*

Lez Edmond, *Seton Hall*

Baine Harris, ISNS, *Old Dominion*

Muhsin Mahdi, SSIPS, *Harvard*

7:30 p.m. Session 1: *Keynote Session*

Chair: Muhsin Mahdi, *Harvard*

Joseph Owens, C.Ss.R., *PIMS*, "Why Aristotle?"

William Wians, *Boston U*, "The Aesthetic Dimension in Aristotelian Science"

John P. Anton, *USF Tampa*, "Classical Foundations of Theology: Ionia to Africa"

Douglas Lackey, *Baruch*, Comments

9:30 p.m.: Reception: Hosts: SSIPS, SAGP, Philosophy Baruch.

Saturday, October 27 (111 E. 18th St., Rooms 1402-1410)

9 a.m. Session 2a: Xenophon 1

Paul A. Vander Waerdt, *Duke*, Organizer and Chair

David O'Connor, *Notre Dame*, "The Kingly Art of Xenophon's Socrates"

Paul A. Vander Waerdt, "Socratic Justice and Self-Sufficiency: The Story of the Delphic Oracle in Xenophon's *Apology of Socrates*"

9 a.m. Session 2b: Plato's Aesthetics

Christopher Perricone, *Baruch*, Organizer and Chair

- David Roochnik, *Iowa State*, "The Philosopher and the Poet: A Discussion of Plato's *Ion*"
 Dirk C. Baltzly, *Ohio State*, "Plato and the New Rhapsody"
 Diane O'Leary, *Syracuse*, "The Art of Philosophy: An Interpretation of Plato's *Phaedrus*"
- 9 a.m. Session 2c: Aristotle's *Politics* and Implications
 Chair: Marie Louise Friquegnon, *W. Paterson College*
 Anthony Preus, *Binghamton SUNY*, "Aristotle on Slavery: Recent Reactions"
 Eve Cole, *UM Duluth*, "Separating Men from the Beasts: Foundations of Human Society in Greek Political Philosophy"
 Sibyl Schwarzenbach, *Baruch*, "Political Implications of Aristotle's Concept of the Reproductive Soul (*Threptikon*)"
- 9 a.m. Session 2d: Islamic Philosophy
 Chair: Muhsin Mahdi, *Harvard*
 Parviz Morewedge, *Baruch*, "A Sufic Solution to a Logical Problem with the Metaphysics of the Unity of Being"
 Gholam Reza Avani, *Academy of Philosophy, Iran*, "Existents and Universals in Islamic Philosophy"
 Muhammad Taqi Misbah Yazdi, *Qum Theology*, "The Ontological Priority of 'Existents' in Mullah Sadra"
 Mehdi Dehbashi, *Isfahan U.*, "Being and Motion in Mullah Sadra"
- 9 a.m. Session 2e: African Philosophy
 Lez Edmond, *Seton Hall*, Organizer and Chair
 Silvia Gaines, *Old Westbury*, "Salient Psychological Dimensions of African Traditions"
 Lez Edmond, *Seton Hall*, "The Philosophy of Psychotherapy Embedded in African Religious Institutions"
 John H. Clark, *Hunter CUNY*, "A New Depiction of Temporal Sectors of a Unified Vision of African History"
- 1 p.m. Session 3a: Ancient Aesthetics
 Christopher Perricone, *Baruch*, Organizer and Chair
 Kenneth S. Rothwell, Jr., *Holy Cross*, "Aristophanes *Birds* and the Rise of Civilization"
 Victor Castellani, *U of Denver*, "Atque Artem Moralia Tangunt: Narrative Arts in Virgil's *Aeneid*"
 Joseph Kupfer, *Iowa State*, "Truth in Fiction, Forsooth"
- 1 p.m. Session 3b: Psychology in Plato and Aristotle
 Organized by James T. Martin, *St. John's*
 Chair and Comments: Joseph Owens, C.Ss.R., *PIMS*
 Paul Gooch, "Has Plato Changed Socrates' Heart in the *Phaedrus*?"
 Kurt Pritzl, *Catholic U.*, "Sensation and Mixture in Aristotle"
 Thomas Fay, *St. John's*, "A Critical Look at Aristotle on Akrasia: *EN 7.1-3*"
- 1 p.m. Session 3c: The Classical Tradition
 Chair: Lou Nordstrom, *Baruch*
 Mark Kuczewski, *Duquesne*, "In *Their* Interest: Aristotle's Principle of Just Rulership"
 Aphrodite Alexandrakis, *Barry Coll*, "The Notion of Beauty in Plotinus and Hegel"
 Laura Westra, *U. of Windsor*, "The Ethics of Biocentric Holism: An Aristotelian Defense"
- 1 p.m. Session 3d: Socrates
 Chair: Consuela Preti, *Baruch*

- Christos Evangeliou, *Towson State* "The Socratic Turn Toward the Soul and its Significance for Greek Philosophy"
 Daniel W. Graham, *Brigham Young*, "Socrates and Plato"
 Florence Hetzler, *Fordham*, "Socrates: A 2300 Year Presence Through Art"
- 1 p.m. Session 3e: Islamic Philosophy
 Chair: Parviz Morewedge
 Muhsin Mahdi, *Harvard*, "Philosophy of Time in Islamic Literature"
 Muhammad Taqi Misbah Yazdi, *Qum Theology*, "Substantial Temporality According to Mullah Sadra"
 Allan Bäck, *Kutztown State*, "Did Aristotle Have Ibn Sina's Theory of Predication?"
 Abdul Karim Soroush, *Academy of Philosophy, Iran*, "The Concept of Sacred Mystery in Rumi's Philosophy"
- 4 p.m. Session 4a: Aristotelian Teleological Strategies
 Dirk Obbink, *Barnard College, Columbia*, Organizer and Chair
 Opening Remarks
 David Sedley, *Christ's College Cambridge and Yale*, "Is Aristotle's Teleology Anthropocentric?"
 Susan Sauve', *Harvard*, "Are the Opponents of Aristotle's Teleology Reductionist?"
 Eric Lewis, *McGill*, "The Peripatetic Origins of Stoic Teleology"
- 4 p.m. Session 4b: Xenophon 2
 Paul A. Vander Waerdt, Organizer and Chair
 John A. Stevens, *Duke*, "Friendship and Profit in Xenophon's *Oeconomicus*"
 Donald R. Morrison, *Rice*, "Serious Men at Play in Xenophon's *Symposium*"
- 4 p.m. Session 4c: Aristotelian Aesthetics
 Christopher Perricone, Organizer and Chair
 Gregory L. Scott, *Toronto*, "Why Aristotle Has No Theory of Art in the *Poetics*"
 Mark P. Drost, *Rochester*, "Aristotle and Nietzsche on Art as Imitation of Nature"
 Salim Kemal, *Penn State*, "Averroes, Poetics, and Truth"
- 4 p.m. Session 4d: Ethical Issues
 Chair: Mitchell Cohen, *Baruch*
 Martin Sitte, *New York*, "Does Answering 'What is Man?' Really Answer 'Who Am I?' Socratic Philosophy Encounters Political Ambition in Plato's *Alcibiades*"
 Ronna Burger, *Tulane*, "The Beautiful and the 'Cosmos of the Virtues': Greatness of Soul in Aristotle's *Ethics*"
 Marie I. George, *St. John's*, "The Notion of *Paideia* in Aristotle's *Parts of Animals*"
 Stephen Rosenbaum, *Illinois State*, "On the Incompleteness of Epicurean Values"
- Session 4e: Islamic Philosophy
 Chair: Marie Louis Friquegnon, *W. Paterson*
 Danielle Leach, *Harvard*, "On Ibn Khaldun's Vision of a Political Community"
 Wafa Hozién, *Rutgers*, "Nasir Khosrow and Machiavelli on Practical Politics"
 Gabriel Lahoud, *Bergen CC*, "Leibniz and Avicenna on Theodicy"
 N. A. Pourjavadi, *Teheran U.*, "Mystical Knowledge in Sufism"

 PLEASE NOTE: TIME CHANGES OVERNIGHT! (one hour back)
 Sunday, October 28:

9 a.m. Session 5a: Aristotelian Theology

Phillip Mitsis, *Cornell*, Organizer and ChairJoseph DeFilippo, *Cornell*, "Aristotle's Argument for the Existence of God"Christopher Shields, *Colorado*, "Noetic Self-Motion"Thomas Tuozzo, *Kansas*, "God as Arche of Human Action"9 a.m. Session 5b: Heraclitus and Plato's *Timaeus*Chair: Constantine Schoelkopf, *Baruch*Patricia Kenig Curd, *Center for Hellenic Studies*, "Unity and Knowledge in Heraclitus"Katherine J. Nolan, *Pittsburgh*, "Duration in Plato's *Timaeus*"Richard D. Parry, *Agnes Scott Coll*, "The Intelligible World Animal in Plato's *Timaeus*"

9 a.m. Session 5c: Jewish and Islamic Philosophy

Chair: Arthur Hyman, *Yeshiva*Arthur Hyman, *Yeshiva*, "Emanationism and Creationism in Jewish and Islamic Philosophical Theologies"Alfred L. Ivry, *NYU*, "Averroes' Commentary on the *De Anima*"Raymond L. Weiss, *UW-Milwaukee*, "Alfarabi's View of Language and Logic: Some Introductory Remarks"Daniel Frank, *Kentucky U*, "Socrates and Maimonides and the Duty to Philosophize"

9 a.m. Session 5d: Epistemic Foundations of the Social Sciences

Douglas Shrader, *Oneonta*, Organizer and ChairAnthony Roda, *Oneonta*, "Vico's New Science"Craig Bielert, *Oneonta*, "The Scientific Basis for Social Science"James Preston, *Oneonta*, "The Role of the Imagination in Social Science"

1 p.m. Session 6a: Motivation in Ancient Thought

Chair: Wafa Huzein, *Rutgers*Edward Halper, *U of Georgia*, "Plato and Aristotle on Friendship"John Peterman, *W. Paterson Coll*, "Dialogic Leading and Following in Plato's Dialogues"Daniel Anderson, *Ohio Wesleyan*, "Knowledge and Beauty in Plato's *Symposium*"Thomas M. Olshewsky, *U of Kentucky*, "Epithumia and Orexis in *de Anima* III.10"

1 p.m. Session 6b: Classical Philosophy and its Effects

Chair: Barbara Savedoff, *Baruch*Constantine Schoelkopf, *Baruch*, "Categories and Rules in Aristotle"Stephen Stertz, *New York*, "Aspects of Popularized Neoplatonism in Philostratus' *Life of Apollonius of Tyana*"Lou Nordstrom, *Baruch*, "The Distinction between Salvation and Liberation as a Useful Tool in Comparative Philosophy"

1 p.m. Session 6c: The European Intellectual Tradition

Organized and Chaired by Gisela Brinker-Gabler, *Binghamton*David Pugh, *Queen's, Kingston*, "*Die Künstler*: Schiller's Philosophical Programme"

Comments by Gisela Brinker-Gabler

Franco Boni, *CUNY*, "The Concept of Motion in Dante's Cosmology"Douglas Shrader, *Oneonta*, "Lauden on Science and Value: Kepler on Astronomy and Astrology"

1 p.m. Session 6d: Islamic Philosophy

Chair: P. Morewedge

Alice Hunsberger, *Columbia*, "Nasir Khosrow's Criticism of Razi's Doctrine of the Soul as a Harmony"

Jonathan Katz, *Cornell*, "Dream and Imagination in Islamic Thought"

Mehdi Nourian, *U. of Isfahan, Iran*, "Depiction of the Mystical Philosophy of Attar in *Mantiq at-Tair*"

Asqar Dadbeh, *Taba Taba-i, Iran*, "Matter and Existence in Islamic Theology"

1 p.m. Session 6e: Aristotle on Cognition

James T. Martin, Organizer

Chair and Comments: Joseph Owens, C.Ss.R.

Comments: L. A. Kosman, *Haverford and Woodrow Wilson Center*

Joan Franks, *Fordham*, "Aristotle on Imagination"

Irving Block, *Western Ontario*, "Aristotle on the Active Intellect"

James T. Martin, *St. John's*, "Aristotle's Problem in *De Anima* 3.5: A New Interpretation"

Program Committee: P. Morewedge; A. Preus, J. Owens, M. Mahdi, D. Obbink, P. Mitsis, J. Martin, P. Vander Waerdt, D. Shrader, C. Perricone, L. Edmond, G. Brinker-Gabler; Local Arrangements: Wafa Hozein, David Butler.

Lodging reservations should be made directly. Suggested hotel: Chelsea, 222 W 23rd St (212) 243-3700. For a complete list of hotels, and other tourist information, call the NYC Visitors Bureau at (212) 397-8222.

For additional information contact either P. Morewedge at (212) 505-2166 or A. Preus at (607) 724-6040 or 777-2886.

It is not too soon to begin planning for the 10th annual SAGP/SSIPS meeting at the end of October, 1991. We have tentatively set the topic as "Action, Knowledge and the Universe in antiquity and in Jewish, Islamic, Christian, and African Philosophy."