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Fourth International Conference on Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (2008)

Date: Friday: October 24, 2008; Saturday and Sunday October 25-26, 2008.

Place: Fordham University, Lincoln Center, 113 W. 60th St. New York, NY 10023

Including the annual meetings of scholarly societies in the history of ancient and medieval philosophy

The 26th joint meeting of Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy (SAGP) with the Society for the Study of Islamic Philosophy (SSIPS)

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Registration and Attendance

The registration fee is $50 for all participants. The fee includes dinner at the banquet and SAGP Plenary Session on Friday night. Members of academic institutions are invited to attend panels on Saturday and Sunday without charge. Please make the check to “Global Scholarly Publications,” and send it to Global Scholarly Publications, 220 Madison Avenue, Suite 11G, New York, NY 10016. Conference participants are invited to arrange for their own lodging accommodations (see the following sites: [http://www.orbitz.com](http://www.orbitz.com) and [http://www.nyc.com/hotels](http://www.nyc.com/hotels) [from $60 to over $1000 per day])

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FRIDAY OCT 24, 2008
Registration, Banquet, Introductions and Plenary Panel

REGISTRATION: 4-7:00 p.m. in the Lobby Atrium (at the 60th St. and Columbus Ave. entrance)
CONFERENCE BANQUET: 5:30-7:00 in the 12th Floor Lounge

7:00-7:15 p.m. INTRODUCTIONS
Chair: Parviz Morewedge (Conference Co-Chair, Director, GSP; SSIPS)

PLENARY PANEL: The Philosophical Tradition
Chair: Daryl Tress (Conference Co-Chair, Fordham U.)
Richard Sorabji, King’s College, London, and CUNY, “Is Gandhi a Model for the Stoic Wise Person?”
Comments: John Anton, University of South Florida
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2008
113 West 60th St. [at Columbus Ave.], Fifth Floor
Breakfast, Lunch and Panels

**Breakfast 8-9 a.m.**
**Panels: 9 a.m.-11 a.m.**

**Sat 9 Room 1: Socrates and His Students**
Mischa Beckett, *Simmons College*, Organizer
Chair and Discussant: Khalil M. Habib, *Salve Regina University*
James L. Wood, *Boston University*, “Socratic Failures”
Mischa Beckett, *Simmons College*, “Aristophanes’ Socrates”
Khalil M. Habib, *Salve Regina University*, “Plato’s *Theaetetus*”

**Sat 9 Room 2: Chinese Philosophy**
Hyun Höchsmann, *New Jersey City University*, Organizer and Chair
Hyun Höchsmann, *New Jersey City University*, “The Universe within the Mind: the Idealism of Wang Yang Ming”
Bongrae Seok, *Alvernia College*, “Shame and Self in Ancient China and Ancient Greece”

**Sat 9 Room 3: Republic Panel I: Structure and the Line**
SAGP Panel
Chair: Tang Xiaoyang, *New School for Social Research*
Daniel Davenport, *Boston College*, “A Line of Ascent in Plato’s *Republic*”
Anne-Marie Bowery, *Baylor*, “Functions of the Narrative Structure of the *Republic*”

**Sat 9 Room 4: Medieval Islamic and Jewish Philosophy**
SSIPS Panel
Chair: Shalahudin Kafrawi, *Hobart & William Smith Colleges*
Corey Miller, *Purdue University*, “Moses Maimonides and Natural Law Ethics”
Mostafa Younesie, *Tarbiat Modares University*, “A Profile of Ancient Persian Loan Words in Ancient Greek”
Shabir Ahsen, *Lahore University*, Pakistan, and *University of Kentucky*, “Igbal’s Conception of Self: A Critical Analysis”

**Sat 9 Room 5: Theaetetus**
SAGP Panel
Chair: Brian Keady, *University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology*
Andrea Tschemplik, *American University*, “Maieutics and Mathematics”
Mark Moes, *Grand Valley State University*, “Plato’s Craft Analogy and the Digression in the *Theaetetus*”
Anna Lännström, Stonehill College, “Socrates, the philosopher in the Theaetetus digression (172c-177c), and the ideal of homoiôsis theô”

Sat 9 Room 6: **Aristotle’s Logic**
SAGP Panel
Chair: Julie Ward, Loyola of Chicago
Noel Hubler, Lebanon Valley College, “Identity and difference: Aristotle’s analogous notions of truth”
George Boger, Canisius, “Translating Prior Analytics A.1-2, 4-6”
Allan Bäck, Kutztown U., “Practical Reasoning and the Fallacy of Accident,”

Sat 9 Room 7: **Plato and Platonism**
SAGP Panel
Chair: James Griffith, DePaul University
Lew Cassity, Binghamton University, “Plato on the Nature of Moral Error”
Mark Shiffman, Villanova University, “Plutarch’s Second Sailing”
Deepa Majumdar, Purdue University North Central, “The Apprehension of the One in Plotinus”

Sat 9 Room 8: **Gorgias**
SAGP Panel
Chair: Tom Tuozzo, University of Kansas
Geoffrey Batchelder, Catholic University, “Socrates and Moral Corruption”
David Robertson, Felician College, “Gorgias and Plato on Communicating Inner Experiences”
Jeremy Bell, DePaul University, “A Glance at the Gorgian Head”
Christopher Moore, University of Texas, Austin, “Chaerephon in Plato’s Gorgias”

Coffee Break: 11:00-11:15 a.m.

Sat 11 Room 1: **Plato’s Laws**
Sara Brill, Fairfield University, Organizer and Chair
James Griffith, DePaul University “Obedient Judgment: The Relations between Sovereignty, Rationality, and Nature in Plato’s Laws”
Michael Naas, DePaul University, “Heads of State: Sovereignty and Salvation in Plato’s Laws”
Sara Brill, Fairfield University, “Criminal Corpses and Suffering Souls: Civic Ideology in Plato’s Laws”

Sat 11 Room 2: **Socratic Virtues**
Rod Jenks, University of Portland, Organizer and Chair
Nick Smith, Lewis & Clark College, & Tom Brickhouse, Lynchburg College, “Socrates on Virtues as Skills”
Rod Jenks & Alex Santana, University of Portland, “Unity and Diversity among the Virtues in the Protagoras”
Terry Penner, U. of Wisconsin, Madison, “Socrates on Virtue as a Single Skill”
Sat 11 Room 3: **Reading Plato**  
SAGP Panel  
Chair: Khalil Habib, *Salve Regina University*  
Tom Tuozzo, *University of Kansas*, “Unitarianism in Plato Interpretation: Kahn, Rowe and Beyond”  
Miriam Byrd, *University of Texas-Arlington*, “Plato’s Elenctic Examination of the Reader in the Early Dialogues”  

Sat 11 Room 4: **Republic Panel 2: Healthy Person and Healthy State**  
SAGP Panel  
Chair: Thanassis Samaras, *George Washington University*  
Anna Greco, *University of Guelph*, “Natural Inclinations and the Normative Force of the Principle of Specialization in Plato’s Republic”  

Sat 11 Room 5: **Philebus and Plato’s Later Philosophy**  
SAGP Panel  
Chair: Vishwa Adluri, *Hunter College*  
Tim Mahoney, *Providence College*, “Why No Assimilation to God in the Philebus?”  
Brian Keady, *University of Denver and Iliff School of Theology*, “Moral Conduct and the Dialectical Method of the Philebus”  
Joseph Novak, *University of Waterloo*, “Recollection, Methodology, and the Late Platonic Dialogues”

Sat 11 Room 6: **Aristotelian Metaphysics**  
SAGP Panel  
Chair: Jurgis Brakas, *Marist College*  
Beverly Hinton, *West Virginia University*, “Chance and Spontaneity in Aristotle II”  
Phil Corkum, *University of Alberta*, “Are Aristotle’s Universals Sortals?”  
Christophe Erismann, *Cambridge University*, “Maximus the Confessor on Universals”

Sat 11 Room 7: **Aristotelian Topics**  
SAGP Panel  
Chair: George Boger, *Canisius*  
Thornton Lockwood, *Boston University*, “The Values of Friendship and Contemplation”  
Mary Mulhern, *Brookside Institute*, “Aristotle on the Musical Modes”

Sat 11 Room 8: **Stoics**  
SAGP Panel
Chair: Geoffrey Batchelder, Catholic University
Nathan Powers, University at Albany, “The Stoic Argument for the Rationality of the Cosmos”
Mark Holowchak, Muhlenberg College, “Misfortune as a Rite of Passage: Stoic Sagacity and the ‘Unfortunately Fortunate’ Sage”

Sat 11 Room 9: Islamic Philosophy I
Organized by SSIPS
Chair: Mehdi Faridzadeh, ISIC
Amir Jabini, Rutgers U., “Ancient Philosophical Themes in Contemporary Media: Iran and China”
Yihong Liu, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Beijing, “Salient Philosophical Themes in Islamic Chinese Traditions”
Parviz Morewedge, Hofstra U. and SUNY Old Westbury, “Tusi’s Concept of the Mystical Ethics of Surrender”
Shalahudin Kafrawi, Hobart & William Smith Colleges, “Razi on the Necessary Existent”
Achim Koeddermann, SUNY Oneonta, “Ethical Dimensions of Law: Islamic and Western Traditions”

Sat 11 Room 10: The Two Truths in Comparative Perspective
Tibetan Philosophy Panel 1: Discussion of The Two Truths among Tibetan Buddhist traditions with analogies to selected Western philosophies.
Organized by Marie Friquegnon
Chair: Linda Patrik, Union College
Matt Ostrow, Skidmore College
Linda Patrik, Union College
Joel Smith, Skidmore College

Lunch: 1:15-2:00

Saturday 2 p.m.

Sat 2 Room 1: Unity and Plurality in Plato’s Tripartite Division of the Soul
Chad Wiener, Portland State University, Organizer & Chair
Laurence Bloom, University of Georgia, “The Rule of Reason and the Unity of the Soul in Plato’s Republic”
Chad Wiener, Portland State University, “Plato on Thumos as Part of the Soul, Republic IV 439e-441d”

Sat 2 Room 2: Cosmology and Environmentalism in the Ancient World Part I
Deepa Majumdar, Purdue North Central, Organizer & Chair
Andrey Tikhonov, South State University, Rostov-on-Don, Russia, “Philebus: The Common Principles of the Coincidence of Microcosm and Macrocosm”
Martha Beck, Lyon College, “Aristotle’s First Principles and Environmental Ethics”
Eric Perl, Loyola Marymount University, “Eros Pronoetikos: The Role of Man in the Dionysian Hierarchy”

Sat 2 Room 3: Plato’s Apology of Socrates
SAGP Panel
Chair: William Evans, St. Peter’s College
John Humphrey, North Carolina Ag & Tech, “There is Good Hope that Death is a Blessing”
Emily Austin, Washington University St. Louis, “Prudence and the Fear of Death in Plato’s Apology”
Lee Ward, Campion College University of Regina, “The Relation of Philosophy and Politics in Plato’s Apology of Socrates, 31c-32e”

Sat 2 Room 4: Republic Panel 3
SAGP Panel
Chair: Anne-Marie Bowery, Baylor
Thanassis Samaras, George Washington University, “The question of the Athenian Constitution in Plato’s late political philosophy”
Tim Hyde, SUNY Stony Brook, “Dirigisme in the Kallipolis: The Economics of Plato’s Republic”
Daniel Restrepo, New School, “Where is Justice in the Myth of Er?”

Sat 2 Room 5: Plato on Creation
SAGP Panel
Chair: Lew Cassity, Binghamton University
Hyun Höchsmann, New Jersey City University, “The Creation of the Kosmos in the Timaeus: Logos and Mythos”
John Wolfe, University of South Florida, “Is Timaeus’ Account of Creation to be Taken Literally? An Ancient Controversy Revisited”
Michael Barkasi, Kutztown University, “Plato’s Generation of Number in the Parmenides”

Sat 2 Room 6: Aristotle and his Commentators on Mind
SAGP Panel
Chair: Christophe Erismann, Cambridge
Krisanna Scheiter, Penn, “Aristotle and the Nous Poietikos”
Ariane Economos, Fordham University, “Interpretations of Nous in Medieval Commentaries on the Posterior Analytics”
John Hendrix, The University of Lincoln, UK, “The Philosophy of Intellect of Robert Grosseteste”

Sat 2 Room 7: Aristotle’s Politics
SAGP Panel
Chair: Ann Ward, University of Regina
John Mulhern, University of Pennsylvania, “Politeia in Aristotle’s Politics”

Sat 2 Room 8: **Socratic Dialogues**
SAGP Panel
Chair: Donald Lindenmueth, *Penn State*
Anne Ashbaugh, *Towson University*, “The Rhetoric of Virtue”
Nicholas Riegel, *University of Toronto*, “To Kalon in the Hippias Major”
Elliot Welch, *University of Maine, Farmington*, “Explanation in Plato’s Euthyphro: Two Arguments”

Sat 2 Room 9: **Tibetan Buddhism 1**
Marie Friquegnon, Organizer and Chair
William Magee, *Dharma Drum Buddhist College, Taiwan*, “Does Candrakīrti Assert ‘Non-Dependence on Another’ to be the Object to be Negated in the View of Emptiness?”

Coffee Break 4:00-4:15 p.m.

Sat 4 Room 1: **Greek Roots of Islamic Philosophy**
Gregory A. McBrayer, *Gettysburg College*, Organizer
Chair: Christopher A. Colmo, *Dominican University*
Gregory A. McBrayer, *Gettysburg College*, “Practical Wisdom, Cosmology, and Political Rule: An Interpretation of Plato’s Epinomis”
Christopher A. Colmo, *Dominican University*, “Infinity in Aristotle and Islamic Philosophy”
Francis Grabowski, *Rogers State University*, “Suhrawardi’s Platonic Nominalism”

Sat 4 Room 2: **Book Discussion: David Sedley, Creationism and its Critics in Antiquity**
Organizers: Lawrence Jost & Susan Prince, *University of Cincinnati*
Chair: Lawrence Jost
Lawrence Jost, *University of Cincinnati*, “Just how Platonist is Aristotelian Teleology?
  Does Sedley overdo it?”
Pat Curd, *Purdue*
Scott Carson, *Ohio University*
Susan Prince, *University of Cincinnati*
Errol Katayama, *Ohio Northern University*, “David Sedley and Aristotle’s Craft Analogy”

Sat 4 Room 3: **Aristotle’s Ethics and Politics**
SAGP Panel
Chair: Stefan Baumrin, *CUNY*
Ann Ward, University of Regina, “Friendship and Politics in Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics”
Adriel Trott, University of Texas, Pan American, “Friendship and the Priority of Political Life in Aristotle’s Politics”
Roopen Majithia, Mount Allison University, “On the Allegedly Excessive Moral Flexibility in Aristotle’s Ethics.”

Sat 4 Room 4: Ancient Psychology
SAGP Panel
Chair: Elliot Welch, University of Maine, Farmington
Brad Berman, University of Pennsylvania, “Backyard Biology and Aristotle on the Unity of Form”
Octavian Gabor, Purdue University, “Soul and Body as Formulas (Aristotle)”
Jean-Marc Narbonne, Laval University, Quebec, “A new type of causality: the Plotinian contemplative demiurgy”

Sat 4 Room 5: Early Greek Thought and its Interpreters
SAGP panel
Chair: Anne Ashbaugh, Towson University
Christos Evangeliiou, Towson University, “Building the Perfect City between Earth and Sky (Aristophanes’ Birds)”
Clinton Corcoran, High Point University, “Aristotle and Heidegger on the Anaximander Fragment”
Rose Cherubin, George Mason University, “Inquiry, Causes, and the Unconditional: A ‘Third Way’ Before Plato (Parmenides)”
William Wians, Merrimack College, “Virtue, Practice, and Perplexity in Plato’s Meno”

Sat 4 Room 6: Plato’s Symposium and Phaedrus
SAGP Panel
Chair: Susan Levin, Smith
Peter R. Costello, Providence College, “Love as Hermeneutics: Moving between the Couches in the Symposium”
Shoni Rancher, Binghamton University, “Plato’s Symposium: The Erotic Affinity between Socratic Philosophy and Aristophanean Comedy”
Donald Lindenmuth, Penn State, “Phaedrus’ Speech on Eros and Human Fulfillment”

Sat 4 Room 7: Ion
SAGP Panel
Chair: James L. Wood, Boston University
Anne J. Mamary, Monmouth College, “Plato’s Ion: A Hymnos to the Whole”
David Roochnik, Boston University, “Adverbial Play in Plato’s Ion”
Alejandro Arango, Binghamton University, “Ion Resists, Socrates Refuses”

Sat 4 Room 8:

Sat 4 Room 9: Tibetan Buddhism 2
Marie Friquegnon, Organizer and Chair
Toy-Fung Tung, John Jay College SUNY, “The Alaya-vignana and Buddhist Morality: Lonchenpa’s Grub mtha’ mdzod and Mipham’s Commentary on Vasubhandu’s Twenty Verses”
Owen Flanagan, Duke, “Eudaimonia and the Emotions—Buddhist Style”
Marie Friquegnon, William Paterson University, “Santaraksita’s Ultimate and Kant’s Noumenal Compared and Contrasted”
SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2008
113 West 60th St. [at Columbus Ave.], Fifth Floor
Breakfast and Panels

Breakfast 8:00-9:00 a.m.
Panels: 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday 9 a.m.

Sun 9 Room 1: Notions of Expertise in Plato
Susan Levin, Smith, Organizer and Chair
Catherine McKeen, Clark, “An Ambiguity in the Republic’s Principle of Specialization”
Christie Thomas, Dartmouth, “Expertise and Craftsmanship in Plato’s Cratylus”
Susan Levin, Smith, “Eryximachus’ Tale: The Symposium’s Role in Plato’s Critique of Medicine”

Sun 9 Room 2: Cosmology and Environmentalism in the Ancient World Part II
Deepa Majumdar, Purdue North Central, Organizer
Chair: Joyce Mullan, New Jersey City University
Craig Condella, Salve Regina University, “Why Aristotle Matters in Environmental Philosophy”
Keith McPartland, Williams College, “Two Conceptions of Aristotelian Matter”
Joyce Mullan, New Jersey City University, “From Animal Gods to Animal Sacrifices”

Sun 9 Room 3: Plato and Rhetoric
SAGP Panel
Chair: Regan Rule, Binghamton University
Russell E. Jones & Hugh Hunter, Oklahoma University, “Plato’s Rhetorical Proof of the Immortality of the Soul”
Richard Cameron, DePauw University, “Socratic Recollection in the Meno”
Dana Miller, Fordham University, “Empiricism and Rhetoric According to Plato”

Sun 9 Room 4: Aristotelian Topics 2
SAGP Panel
Chair: J. Eric Butler, Villanova
Owen Goldin, Marquette University, “Certainty, Likelihood, and Scepticism in De Caeio”
David Shikiar, Providence College, “The Complementariness of Aristotle’s Metaphysics Zeta 3 and 4”
Darcy Otto, Cal State San Bernardino, “Solving the Likeness Regress with Asymmetrical Resemblance”

Sun 9 Room 5: The Influence of Presocratic Philosophy on Later Greek Philosophy
SAGP Panel
Chair: Mark Wheeler, SDSU
Edward J. Grippe, *Norwalk Community College*, “The Pythagorean Contribution to Irony in Plato’s *Republic*”
Glenn Rawson, *Rhodes Island College*, “Presocratic Roots of Theories of Innate Knowledge”

Sun 9 Room 6: **Platonic Topics**
SAGP Panel
Chair: Alan Pichanick, *St. John’s College, Annapolis*
Paul A. Stevens, *Prince George’s Community College*, “Plato’s Theory of Forms seen through the lens of the *Theaetetus*”

Sun 9 Room 7:

Sun 9 Room 8: **Plato in Relation to Continental Thought: Kant, Heidegger, and Reiner Schürmann**
Organizer and Chair: Vishwa Adluri, *Hunter College*
Moris Stern, *New School*, “Socrates and Kant as Philosophers of Inwardness: Care of the Soul, Autonomy, and Immortality”
Joydeep Bagchee, *New School*, “Heidegger’s Interpretation of *Physis*”
Emilie Kutash, *Boston University*, “The Tragic Age of the Greeks and Reiner Schürmann’s Tragic Differing”
Respondent: Vishwa Adluri, *Hunter College*

Coffee Break 11:00-11:15

Sun 11 Room 1: **The Greeks and the East: Comparative Philosophy**
Jason Giannetti, *Regis College*, Organizer & Chair
Thomas McEvilley, *Rice University*, “The Shape of Ancient Philosophy”
Jason Giannetti, *Regis College*, “Dialectical Method in Plato and Nagarjuna”

Sun 11 Room 2: **Ancient Philosophy of Language**
Mark Wheeler, *San Diego State University*, Organizer
Chair: Deborah Modrak, *University of Rochester*
Mark Wheeler, *SDSU*, “You Can’t Believe the Liar”
Rusty Jones, *University of Oklahoma*, “Truth and Contradiction in Aristotle’s *De Interpretatione* 9”

Sun 11 Room 3: **Socratic Dialogues**
SAGP Panel
Chair: Catherine McKeen, *Clark*
Alan Pichanick, *St. John’s College, Annapolis*, “Sôphrosunê as Aidôs: The ‘Courageous’ Introspection of Young Charmides?”
Regan Rule, *Binghamton University*, “‘I Shall Not Resist You Then’: Socrates in the *Charmides*

Sun 11 Room 4: **Aristotelian Psychology**
SAGP Panel
Chair: Craig Condella, *Salve Regina University*
Ryan Drake, *Fairfield University*, “Wonder and the Ends of Tragedy in the *Poetics*”

Sun 11 Room 8: **Sacrifice and Narrative in Indian Epic**
Organized by Vishwa Adluri, *Hunter College*
Chair: Alf Hiltebeigel, *George Washington University*
Fernando Wulff, *University of Malaga*, “Confronting Divine Massacres: Iliad and Mahabharata”
Daniel Rudmann, *George Washington University*, “Rishis and Authority in the Mahabharata”
Respondent: Vishwa Adluri, *Hunter College*