

‘New Trends in the Study of Eleatism’

Thursday 9th to Friday 10th of June 2022
An in-person and online conference
Organized by Alex Long and Barbara Sattler

Thursday 9th June

9.15: Welcome by Alex Long and Barbara Sattler

9.30am Arnaud Macé (Franche-Comté) ‘Cosmogony and cosmology in Parmenides’ poem’

10.30am David Sedley (Cambridge) ‘Parmenides and Democritus on names’

Tea/coffee break

12.00 Simon Trépanier (Edinburgh) ‘Parmenides’ challenge: rejecting or bracketing off of sense-perception?’

13.00 lunch

2.30pm Alex Long (St Andrews) ‘Truth and the true in Parmenides’

3.30pm Lea Cantor (Oxford) ‘Parmenides and the centred view’

Tea/coffee break

5.00 Matt Evans (Austin) ‘The Puzzle of Parmenides B8.5-6’

Friday 10th June

9.30am Richard McKirahan (Pomona) ‘An Aristotelianizing Parmenides’

10.30am Emese Mogyoródi (Szeged) ‘Parmenides, the Feminine and the Revealing Goddess’

Tea/coffee break

12.00 Barbara Sattler (Bochum) ‘Zeno’s method and its mathematical and Parmenidean origins’

13.00 lunch

2.30pm Mathilde Brémond (Université Clermont-Auvergne) ‘Antilogic arguments by the Eleatics’

3.30pm Jenny Bryan (Manchester) 'The epistemological reception of Parmenides in Empedocles'

Tea/coffee break

5.00 Ben Harriman (Edinburgh) 'Posidonius on Parmenides: The case of *On Ocean*'

Arts Seminar 1, Arts Building, St Andrews; the room is on the first floor of the Arts Building, accessible by a lift.

All welcome. Please register by 20 May 2022 by sending an email to classcon@st-andrews.ac.uk, indicating whether you intend to attend in person or online. We will accommodate dietary needs, as long as we are informed about them in advance. All participants are welcome to contact the organizers (email addresses below) with queries about the event or the venue.

The last 20 years have seen the development of a host of innovative and philosophically sophisticated approaches to the Eleatics and their influence. There have been new major works on the long neglected work by Melissus, new reconstructions of Zeno's paradoxes, and challenges to the view that Parmenides and the two other Eleatics formed a single 'school'. Recent work has also shown how Melissus and Parmenides developed the inquiries of earlier philosophers, such as the materialistic Ionian philosophers, and how their role in the development of post-Eleatic philosophy was, in important respects, constructive. This conference will bring together leading specialists in early philosophy as well as junior scholars in the field. It aims to build on the new interpretations of this early and pivotal period of philosophy and to see whether we can develop a new coherent picture of each of the three Eleatics. A further aim is to measure and evaluate the influence of contemporary philosophical and scientific thought (in its endorsement of atomism and objection to all forms of monism) in the new interpretative trends outlined above.

The conference is co-funded by the Mind Association, the Scots Philosophical Association, the Schools of Classics and Philosophical, Anthropological and Film Studies at the University of St Andrews and the RUB.

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