

**International Society for Neoplatonic Studies
17th Annual Conference
Dominican University, Ottawa**

Wednesday June 12

1:00-2:30 p.m.

Evil in the Platonic and Neoplatonic Traditions

Organizers: Elizabeth Hill <eahill@mun.ca>, Benedikt Rottenecker <benedikt.rottenecker@mun.ca>

Benedikt Rottenecker <benedikt.rottenecker@mun.ca>, Memorial University of Newfoundland, "The Freedom of the Soul and the Threat of Matter"
Elizabeth Hill <eahill@mun.ca>, Memorial University of Newfoundland, "Eros and steresis in Plotinus and Proclus"

Brian Lightbody <blightbody@brocku.ca> Brock University "Socratic Appetites as Plotinian Reflectors: a New Interpretation of Plotinus's Socratic Intellectualism"

2:30-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Divine Power and Presence in Later Platonism: Theurgy, Ritual, Epistemology, Aesthetics, and Metaphysics

Organizer: Robert Berchman <berchmanrob@earthlink.net>

Robert Berchman <berchmanrob@earthlink.net>, FSA/Roma, "ARITHMOS AND KOSMOS in the *De Opificio Mundi* of Philo of Alexandria"

Bruce J. MacLennan <maclennan@utk.edu>, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, "Theurgy for the Masses?"

Julio Cesar Moreira <jcesar.moreira@hotmail.com>, Pontifícia Universidade Católica de São Paulo, "Does Iamblichus accept the existence of evil daemons?"

Thursday June 13

8:00-9:00 Break

9:00-10:30 #1

The Realm of the One

Organizers: David Butorac <davidbutorac@gmail.com> and Sarah Klitenic Wear <swear@franciscan.edu>

David Butorac <davidbutorac@gmail.com>, University of Toronto, Wycliffe College, "Procline Intentions, Damascian Achievement: rethinking the ground"

Sarah Klitenic Wear <swear@franciscan.edu>, Franciscan University of Steubenville, "Neoplatonic Language of Mixture among Intelligibles in Syrianus, Proclus, and Cyril"

Joshua Robinson <robjoshua@gmail.com>, Dumbarton Oaks, "The movement of the One: Background, Meaning and Reception of a Line in Gregory Nazianzen"

9:00-10:30 #2

Plato, Aristotle, Plotinus

Panel Chair: Iva Apostalova, Dominican University

Donald Boyce <donaldboyce@mac.com>, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, "Pursuing Patterns and Hunting Being: 'Persecuting' Plato's Other Metaphor"

George Beke Latura <glbeke@me.com>, "Who Are You Going to Believe, Aristotle or Your Own Eyes?"

Scott Ventureyra <scott_ventureyra@hotmail.com>, Independent Scholar, "Was Plotinus a Panentheist?"

10:30-11:00 Break

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Rebecca Coughlin <rebecca.coughlin@mail.mcgill.ca>, McGill University, "Metaphysics or Mysticism? The One and the One of the Soul in Marsilio Ficino's Later Thought"

Jonathan Greig <jonathangreig@zoho.eu>, LMU Munich/Austrian Academy of Sciences, "The Ground of Being in the Parmenides' First and Second Hypotheses: Damascius's Inheritance of Proclus's Reading of the First Hypothesis"

11:00-1:00 #2

Platonism and Modern Physics

Organizers: Alexey Burov <burov@fnal.gov>

Alexey Burov <burov@fnal.gov>, Fermilab, "Metaphysical status of physical laws";

Alexei Tselik <tselik@gmail.com>, Brookhaven National Laboratory, "Fallacies of the Anthropic Principle and fine-tuning argument "

Robin Collins <rcollins@messiah.edu>, Messiah College, "Physical Reality as Mathematical Reality "

Donna M. Altimari Adler <donnaaltimari@comcast.net>, "Plato's Application of Philolaus' Harmonic Law of Nature to the Generation of Plane Elements and Elemental Solid Bodies at Timaeus 53C-56C"

1:00-2:30 Lunch

2:30-4:30

Soul, Intellect, and Afterlife

Organizers: John F. Finamore <john-finamore@uiowa.edu> and Ilaria Ramelli <i.i.e.ramelli@durham.ac.uk>

Aron Reppmann <aron.reppmann@trnty.edu>, Trinity Christian College, "The pedagogy of the soul in Gregory the Wonderworker"

John F. Finamore <john-finamore@uiowa.edu>, University of Iowa, "Ethics, Virtue, and Theurgy: On Being a Good Person in Iamblichean Philosophy"

Donka D. Markus, <markusdd@umich.edu>, University of Michigan, "Divine love, mediation and the ontological status of man in Hierocles' commentary to the Golden Verses"

Ilaria Ramelli <ilaria.ramelli@chch.ox.ac.uk>, Oxford University, "The Soul and Salvation in Origen and Porphyry"

4:30-5:00 Break

5:00-6:30

Neoplatonism in Comparative Light: Eschatological Issues

Organizer: Deepa Majumdar <dmajumda@pnw.edu>

Graeme Miles <graeme.miles@utas.edu.au>, University of Tasmania, "*Psychê Opisthobarês* and *Samskāra*: The Effects of the Past in Proclus and Patañjali."

Joshua Packwood <joshua.packwood@uafs.edu>, University of Arkansas-Fort Smith, "Four Worlds as One."

Deepa Majumdar <dmajumda@pnw.edu>, Purdue University Northwest, "Comparing Plotinus' *Enneads* with Vedānta: Eschatological Issues."

Thursday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m.:

Wine and Cheese Reception in the Dominican Room

Friday June 14

8:00-9:00 Break

9:00-10:30 #1

Cosmological Perspectives on Platonist Cosmic Ascent

Organizer: Nicholas Banner <nicholasbanner@gmail.com>

Nicholas Banner <nicholasbanner@gmail.com>, Trinity College, Dublin,
"Embodiment, Fate, the Planets, and the *Daimôn* in Plotinus' Theory of
Cosmic Ascent: Reconsidering 'Cosmic Religion'"

Akindynos Kaniamos <akindynosk@yahoo.com>, École Pratique des Hautes
Études, "The Personal Daimon in Iamblichus' De Mysteriis IX- Astral
origins, Ritual and Divinization"

John Turner <jturner2@unl.edu>, University of Nebraska, "Initial Stages on
the Ladder of Ascent to the Intelligible World: the Metempsychotic Aeons
in *Zostrianos* and Related Sethian Literature"

9:00-10:30 #2

Platonism in the 12th-14th Centuries

Panel Chair: Francis Peddle, Dominican University

Dmitry Biriukov <dbirjuk@gmail.com>, National Research University Higher
School of Economics (HSE) and The Sociological institute of the Russian
Academy of Science, "Neilos Kabasilas's Rule of Theology and the
Distinction between the Light and Warmth of Fire in Neilos Kabasilas and
Gregory Palamas"

Khashayar Beigi <khbeigi@berkeley.edu>, University of California at
Berkeley, "'Light is the Lodestone of Proximity' An Inquiry into the
Illuminationist Critique of Providence"

Tomáš Nejeschleba <Tomas.Nejeschleba@upol.cz>, Palacky University
Olomouc, "Bonaventure and Pseudo-Dionysios Areopagite: Manifold Titles
of the Triple Way"

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Ramelli <i.l.e.ramelli@durham.ac.uk>*

Jonathan H. Young <jonathan-young@uiowa.edu>, University of Iowa,
"Between Human and Animal Souls: Origen's Use of the Stoic Dichotomy
between Rational and Irrational Souls to Modify the Paradigm of
Metensomatosis"

Liliana Carolina Sánchez Castro <licarolinasanchezc@gmail.com>, University
of São Paulo, "Philoponus and the Doctrine of the Soul as a Self-Moving
Number"

Salman Elamir Amir <salmanea@umich.edu>, University of Michigan,
"Reincarnation in the Druze Religion and Its Relation to Neoplatonist
Thought"

Allegra Baggio Corradi <Allegra.Baggiocorradi@postgrad.sas.ac.uk>, Warburg Institute, "Becoming to Be: The Continuity of Substance in Niccolò Leonico Tomeo's *Dialogues*"

11:00-1:00 #2

Platonism as Systematic Metaphysics

Organizer: Eric Perl <eperl@lmu.edu>

D. Gregory MacIsaac <GregoryMacIsaac@CUNET.CARLETON.CA>, Carleton University, "The Ontology of Plato's *Theaetetus*."

Eric D. Perl <eperl@lmu.edu>, Loyola Marymount University, "Torn by Monads: A Tale Told by Thomists and the Meaning of Proclus' 'Levels'"

Lisa Holdsworth <95holdsworth@cua.edu>, The Catholic University of America, "Augustine's 'Divided Line' in *de Doctrina Christiana*"

Chance Brandon Woods <c.woods@vanderbilt.edu>, Vanderbilt University, "Turning Toward Matter: Henry More, Plotinus, and the Philosophical Form of Mystical Experience."

1:00-2:30 Lunch

2:30-4:00 #1

Alterity in Neoplatonism: Christian and non-Christian

Organizers: Seamus O'Neill <sjoneill@mun.ca>, Hans Feichtinger <hansfeichtinger@gmail.com>

Wayne Hankey <Wayne.Hankey@dal.ca>, Dalhousie University, "The Birth of Alterity in the Principle: Reflections on Plotinus, Proclus, Dionysius and Aquinas"

Julie Swanstrom <julie.swanstrom@augie.edu>, Augustana University, "Aquinas on Emanation and Alterity in Creation and the Trinity"

Hans Feichtinger <hansfeichtinger@gmail.com>, St. Paul University, "Processions in God: Albert and Aquinas"

2:30-4:00 #2

Neoplatonists: Philoponus and Olympiodorus

Panel chair: Marie Sassine, Dominican University

Jeff Johns <J.M.Johns@ed-alumni.net>, "Cosmogony and chronology in the Platonist milieu: Johannes Philoponus, *De aetern.* VI, 8"

José María Zamora Calvo <jm.zamora@uam.es>, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, "Olympiodorus' Three Arguments 'of His Own' Against Suicide"

4:00-4:30 Break

4:30-6:00 #1

Music, Magic, and Mortal Women

Panel Chair: Gaston LeNotre, Dominican University

Jay Bregman <Jay_Bregman@umit.maine.edu>, University of Maine, "In the Beginning was the Sound.' Toward a Neoplatonic/Neopythagorean Musical aesthetic."

Anne J. Mamary <ANNEM@monmouthcollege.edu>, Monmouth College, "Ruddy Stargazers: Centaurs, Philosophers, and a Life Worth Living"

Sara Rappe <rappe@umich.edu>, University of Michigan, "Bruno's Engagement with the Feminine: mortal women and goddesses in the Heroic Frenzies"

4:30-6:00 #2

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Seamus O'Neill <sjoneill@mun.ca>, The Memorial University of Newfoundland, "Henads and Angels: Difference from the First Principle in Proclus, Dionysius, and Aquinas"

Václav Němec <vaclavnemecfil@gmail.com>, Charles University in Prague, "The role of otherness in the generation of the Intellect from the One: Plotinus and Marius Victorinus"

Saturday June 15

8:30-9:30 Break

9:30-11:00

The Phenomenological Method Latent in Ancient Thought

Organizers: David Ellis <ellisdb@bc.edu>, Gary Gurtler <gurtlerg@bc.edu>, Santiago Ramos, <santiago.xavier.ramos@gmail.com>

David Ellis <ellisdb@bc.edu>, Boston College, "Plotinus and Heidegger on Life"

Gary Gurtler <gurtlerg@bc.edu>, Boston College, "Plotinus' Inherent Phenomenological Method in IV.4[28]"

Eric Morelli <emorelli@pointloma.edu>, Point Loma Nazarene University, "Plato on the Experience of Thinking"

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-1:00 #1

Some originalities in Zeke Mazur's Commentary to Plotinus' Treatise 33 (II 9): a tribute to his work and insights

Organizer: Jean-Marc Narbonne <Jean-Marc.Narbonne@fp.ulaval.ca>

Francis Lacroix <francis.lacroix.2@ulaval.ca>, Université Laval/Laval University, "Plotinus' Politics and the City of Contemplation"

Mauricio Marsola <mmarsola3@gmail.com>, Universidade Federale de Sao Paulo, "Théologie comme science et théologie aporétique. Quelques remarques sur Plotin et la gnose"

Jean-Marc Narbonne <Jean-Marc.Narbonne@fp.ulaval.ca>, Université Laval/Laval University, "New aspects of the relation between Plotinus and the Gnostics according to Zeke Mazur's reading"

11:30-1:00 #2

The Phenomenological Method Latent in Ancient Thought

Organizers: David Ellis <ellisdb@bc.edu>, Gary Gurtler <gurtlerg@bc.edu>, Santiago Ramos, <santiago.xavier.ramos@gmail.com>

Andres Pérez-Carrasco <Andres.PerezCarrasco@umb.edu>, University of Massachusetts Boston, "Merleau-Ponty in Light of Aristotle"

Santiago Ramos <santiago.xavier.ramos@gmail.com>, Boston College, "Reading Plato's Ion as a Phenomenology of Creativity"

Travis Dumsday <travis.dumsday@concordia.ab.ca>, Concordia University of Edmonton, "What the Pseudo-Dionysius Can Do for Analytic Philosophy"

Saturday, June 15 at 6:00 p.m.:

Banquet at the Fairmont Château Laurier, Québec Suite, 1 Rideau St., Ottawa, Ontario, K1N 8S7

Sunday, June 16 at 2 p.m.:

Boat Excursion (directions to be given at the conference)