

Abstract There are two dominant understandings of Pythagoras in the Pythagorean tradition and research about it: Pythagoras as a “shaman” and “religious leader” on the one hand, as a “philosopher” and “scientific genius” on the other. Various attempts have been made to reconcile these understandings as well as to analyze them separately. Most recently, scholarship has tended to compartmentalize different facets of Pythagorean knowledge and in doing so has failed to provide a context in which to explore questions of their origins, development, and interdependency.

This conference aims to reverse the trend by addressing the connections between the different forms (practical, technical, procedural, propositional, conscious, tacit knowledge, etc.) and fields within the body of Pythagorean knowledge (including eschatology, metempsy-

chosis, metaphysics, epistemology, arithmology, medicine, music, and politics). In particular, we intend to discuss how *askēsis*, i.e. practical training and/or exercise concerning the Pythagorean way of life, was related to, and influenced, more doctrinal fields of knowledge such as Pythagorean religion and science.

The papers are expected to explore the effects of such interdependencies of knowledge both within the Pythagorean corpus and on its later reception. They will analyze the impact of various aspects of Pythagorean knowledge on each other and how the Pythagorean tradition was changed over time. Accordingly, the conference will cover different historical periods, from the Archaic Period (6th century BC) to Neoplatonism, Early Christianity, European and Arabic Middle Ages, Renaissance through Early Modernity (17th century AD).

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

13.30 **Registration**

Opening Session · Room 115

- 14.00 Introduction: Almut-Barbara Renger & Alessandro Stavru
- 14.20 Keynote: A. Bernabé (Madrid): *Some Thoughts about Pythagorean Eschatology*
- 15.00 Discussion

Plenary Session · Room 115

ASKĒSIS & RELIGION

Chair: A. Bernabé

- 15.15 R. McKirahan (Los Angeles): *Philolaus on the Nature of the Soul*
- 15.45 G. Cornelli (Brasilia): *Aristotle and the Pythagorean Myths of Metempsychosis*
- 16.15 M. Giangiulio (Trento): *Timaeus and Aristoxenus on the Pythagorean Way of Life*
- 16.45 Discussion

17.15 **Coffee Break**

Parallel Session

ORPHIC TRANSFORMATIONS

Session 1 · Room 115

Chair: J. Bremmer

- 17.45 F. Casadesús (Mallorca): *The Appropriation of the Figure of Orpheus and Orphic Doctrines: an Example of Pythagoras' Artful Knavery (Kakotechniē)?*
- 18.15 L. Brisson (Paris): *Orpheus, Aglaophamus, Pythagoras, Plato*
- 18.45 Discussion

PLATONIC TRANSFORMATIONS

Session 2 · Room 116

Chair: C. Macris

- 17.45 L. Zhmud (St. Petersburg): *Greek Arithmology: Pythagoras or Plato?*
- 18.15 J. Kennedy (Manchester): *Plato's Transformation of Early Pythagoreanism*
- 18.45 Discussion

20.00 **Welcome Announcement of Gyburg Uhlmann**
(Spokesperson of the SFB 980 'Episteme in Motion')

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

Parallel Session / Morning

PYTHAGOREAN SCIENCE

MEDICINE

Session 1 · Room 115

Chair: G. Cornelli

- 10.30 S. Kouloumentas (Berlin): *The Early Pythagoreans on Medicine*
- 11.00 H. Bartoš (Prague): *The Legend of Pythagorean Dietetics*

MUSIC

Session 2 · Room 116

Chair: G. Lehman

- 10.30 A. Provenza (Palermo): *The Pythagoreans and the Effects of Musical Instruments between Religion and Paideia*

11.30 A. Barker (Birmingham): *Pythagoreans and Medical Writers on Periods of Human Gestation*

12.00 Discussion

13.00 **Lunch**

Parallel Session / Afternoon

PYTHAGOREAN TRANSFORMATIONS

NEOPLATONISM

Session 1 · Room 115

Chair: L. Zhmud

- 14.00 G. Uhlmann (Berlin): *Neuplatonismus und Neupythagoreismus – ein Beispiel spätantiken Wissenstransfers?*
- 14.30 E. Afonasin (Novosibirsk): *The Images of Pythagoras in Later Tradition*
- 15.00 D. Baltzly (Tasmania): *Pythagorean-Socratic Askēsis in Proclus' Timaeus Commentary*
- 15.30 Discussion

16.00 **Coffee Break**

EUROPEAN MIDDLE AGES

Chair: A. Eusterschulte

- 16.30 B. Roling (Berlin): *Pythagoras and Christian Eschatology: the Debate of Transmigration in Medieval and Early Modern Scholasticism*
- 17.00 T. Iremadze (Tbilisi): *Pythagoreische Lehre im Kaukasus*
- 17.30 Discussion

RENAISSANCE

Chair: V. Wels

- 18.00 W. Schmidt-Biggemann (Berlin): *Pythagoras im Humanismus. Reuchlin als Beispiel*
- 18.30 A. Eusterschulte (Berlin): *Giordano Bruno und die Pythagoreismusrezeption in der Renaissance*
- 19.00 Discussion

20.30 **Social Dinner**

Thursday, October 24, 2013

Plenary Session · Room 115

WAY OF LIFE

Chair: L. Brisson

- 10.00 C. Macris (Paris): *How to Live Differently within a Community: on the 'Hetairic' Origins of the Pythagorean Way of Life and Its Peculiar Character (Idiasmos)*
- 10.30 J. Bremmer (Groningen): *Pythagorean Life in Late Antique Biographies and in the First Ascetic Monks*
- 11.00 Discussion

Round Table · Room 115

11.30 *Forms and Transformations of Pythagorean Knowledge: Askēsis – Religion – Science*

EARLY CHRISTIANITY

Session 2 · Room 116

Chair: E. Fiori

- 14.00 I.F. Viltanioti (Bruxelles/Oxford): *Porphyry's Letter to Marcella: A Literary Attack on Christian Appropriation of (Neo)Pythagorean Moral Wisdom?*
- 14.30 L. Arcari (Napoli): *Reinventing the Pythagorean Tradition in the IV Century CE. The Cohortatio ad Graecos*
- 15.00 Discussion

ARAB TRADITION

Chair: G. Strohmaier

- 16.30 M. Younesie (Teheran): *Exploration of the Pythagorean Golden Verses*
- 17.00 A. Izdebska (Warsaw): *The Pythagorean Doctrine of the One as the Archē in the Works of Ikhwan Al-Safa and Al-Shahrastani*
- 17.30 B. La Sala (Berlin): *Ibn Sina's and Al-Ghazali's Approach towards Pythagoreanism*
- 18.00 Discussion

MODERNITY

Chair: P. Omodeo

- 18.30 S. Galson (Princeton): *Unfolding Pythagoras: Leibniz, Myth, and Mathēsis*
- 19.00 Discussion

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