

Recent Books on Pythagoreanism

October 21, 2013, 18.00-20.30

Staatsbibliothek Berlin, Potsdamer Straße 33, Room 320

Five authors of recent books on Pythagoreanism will discuss their works with the public. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

18.00: Introduction by Oliver Berggötz (Staatsbibliothek, Fachreferat Altertumswissenschaften)

18.15: Presentation of the books:

- L. Zhmud, *Pythagoras and the Early Pythagoreans*, Oxford UP 2012 (R. McKirahan)
- G. Cornelli, *In Search of Pythagoreanism*, De Gruyter 2013 (A. Stavru)
- G. Cornelli, R. McKirahan, C. Macris (eds.), *On Pythagoreanism*, De Gruyter 2013 (P.S. Horky)
- P.S. Horky, *Plato and Pythagoreanism*, Oxford UP 2013 (M. Weinman)
- C. Huffman (ed.), *A History of Pythagoreanism*, Cambridge UP, forthcoming (C. Macris)

19.45: Discussion with the authors

The book presentation will be moderated by Alessandro Stavru (Freie Universität Berlin, SFB 980, C02) and Michael Weinman (ECLA of Bard Berlin).

The event is part of the Berlin “Pythagorean Week”, which will include the workshop “Pythagorean Harmonics from Philolaus to Leibniz” and the conference “Forms and Transformations of Pythagorean Knowledge”:

October 19-20:

Pythagorean Harmonics from Philolaus to Leibniz: 2000 Years of Productive Tension Between the Discrete and the Continuous

*Workshop at ECLA of Bard Main Auditorium
Platanenstr. 98a, Berlin-Pankow*

This international and interdisciplinary workshop expands on recent discoveries and new theorizations of the role of early Pythagorean number theory and music theory in fields including: classical architecture; Hellenistic music theory and practice; Hellenistic and medieval Platonism; Renaissance music; Renaissance painting; and early modern astronomy and mathematics. Our trans-historical investigation of the connections between new insights from these diverse disciplines and time periods will transcend disciplinary boundaries and cross the divide between the humanities and the exact sciences.

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October 22-24:

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

*Conference at Freie Universität, Seminarzentrum
Otto-von-Simson-Str. 26, Berlin-Dahlem*

This conference aims to address the connections between the different forms of Pythagorean knowledge. In particular, we intend to discuss how *askēsis*, practical training and/or exercise concerning the Pythagorean way of life, was related to more doctrinal fields of knowledge such as Pythagorean religion and science. Papers will explore the effects of such interdependencies of knowledge both within the Pythagorean corpus and on its later reception. Various topics (such as Orphism, Platonism, metempsychosis, eschatology, medicine, music, etc.) will be analyzed in different historical periods, from the Archaic Period (6th century BC) through the Middle Ages (including the Arabic tradition) to early Modernity (17th century AD).

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