

# The Limits of Nature in Hellenistic and Roman Thought

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# Programme

## Friday, 17/05/2024

- 09.00-09.15 Opening Remarks
- Chair: Konstantinos Spanoudakis (*University of Crete*)
- 09.15-10.15 **Philipp Brüllmann** (*University of Heidelberg*)  
What are the limits of the limits of nature? Stoic ethics meets the Euthyphro Dilemma
- 10.15-11.15 **Georgia Tsouni** (*University of Crete*)  
The limits of pleasure and technological progress in Lucretius
- 11.15-11.45 Coffee Break
- Chair: Irini-Fotini Viltanioti (*University of Crete*)
- 11.45-12.45 **Gretchen Reydamns-Schils** (*Notre Dame University*)  
The Stoic position in Philo of Alexandria's 'On the Indestructibility of the World'
- 13.00-15.00 Lunch
- Chair: Zacharoula Petraki (*University of Crete*)
- 15.15-16.15 **Attila Németh** (*Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Philosophy*)  
The Epicurean notion of time as limit
- 16.15-17.15 **Simon Shogry** (*University of Oxford*)  
Chrysippus on the nature of harm
- 20.00 Dinner at *Galera* Restaurant

## Saturday, 18/05/2024

- Chair: Chloe Balla (*University of Crete*)
- 09.00-10.00 **Jula Wildberger** (*American University of Paris*)  
Human nature or every human's particular nature -  
what difference does it make for Stoic ethics?
- 10.00-11.00 **Stefan Röttig** (*University of Würzburg*)  
Natural limits and moral character traits. Seneca's understanding of the *telos*
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee Break
- Chair: Stelios Panagiotakis (*University of Crete*)
- 11.30-12.30 **Gernot Michael Müller** (*University of Bonn*)  
Nature, agriculture and Roman self-image in Varro's *De Re Rustica*
- 12.30-13.30 **Bram Demulder** (*Leiden University*)  
Living according to which nature? Plutarch on Platonic, Epicurean, and Stoic *physis*
- 13.30-13.45 Closing Remarks