The Limits of Nature in Hellenistic and Roman Thought

International Workshop 17-18 May 2024, University of Crete
Venue: School of Philosophy, Conference Room, Gallos 74100, Rethymnon

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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 Reydams-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

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