

THE ROOTS OF EUROPEAN INTELLECTUAL TRADITION

International conference

December 8-9, 2022
Novosibirsk Akademgorodok

Format: mixed (in person and on-line)
Papers can be delivered in Russian or English

Organizers
Center for Ancient Philosophy and the Classical Tradition
(Novosibirsk State University,
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The wealth of thought of early Greek philosophers is striking in its diversity and comprehensiveness. They were true discoverers and pioneers in different fields of knowledge, whose intellectual influence can be clearly seen in the work of many later thinkers. Their biographies and ideas have inspired writers, poets, and artists for centuries and continue to occupy the minds of contemporary scholars. The fragmentary nature of their writings becomes a real challenge to philologists, philosophers and historians of Antiquity, and constantly inspires the search for answers to difficult puzzles. Their bold ideas are still echoed in contemporary discourse on the most complex questions of world order, ethics, and religion. All this convinces us of the need to establish a national society for the study of the legacy of the eminent pre-Socratic philosophers, and to hold regular conferences devoted to the discussion of their immortal ideas.

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Place: Novosibirsk State University
Novosibirsk time (UTC + 7)

8 December 2022, Thursday

16.00-17.30

Oleg Donskikh (Novosibirsk)
“You spoke the truth and reasoned justly about everything”
(The problem of birth of general notions)

Mikhail Kozhevnikov (Novosibirsk)
The Descent of Inanna and the Abduction of Persephone: an Essay on Two Literary
Sources of the Myths of Death and Rebirth

Roman Svetlov (Kaliningrad)
What would you call an intellectual?
(Meton/Hippodame in Aristophanes' *The Birds*)

Coffee break

18.00-20.00

Irina Protopopova (Moscow)
The Presocratics: from Mystery to Transcendentalism

Vladimir Brovkin (Novosibirsk)
The Way of Life in Early Greek Philosophy

Anton Didikin (Astana, Kazakhstan)
Karl Popper's Report on Pre-Socratic Philosophy in Aristotelian Society:
A historical and philosophical reflection

9 December 2022, Friday

16.00-17.30

Marina Wolf (Novosibirsk)
Once Again on the Eleatic Question

Andrey Shchetnikov (Novosibirsk)
1. Thales of Miletus and the discovery of rays of vision
On the Zenonian "Arrow" Aphorism

Emil Alexandrov (Fremantle, Australia)
Heidegger's First Beginning: Anaximander, Heraclitus and Parmenides

Coffee break

18.00-20.00

Anna Afonasina (Novosibirsk)
Who does Simplicus comment on: Aristotle or Empedocles?

Olga Bogdanova (Moscow)
Proclus' Commentary on the *Works and Days* of Hesiod

Eugene Afonasin (Novosibirsk)
The Cosmology of the Derveni Papyrus