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**Pompey's Pillar at the Serapeum,
Alexandria, Egypt**

PROGRAM

August 20, Wednesday

Opening session

10.30–11.00

Eugene Afonasin

On the Scope and Nature of the Project.
Some Preliminaries to the Summer Session

Reading class

11.00–13.00

Plato, *Philebus* – I

Conducted by Svetlana Mesyats and
Andrej Schetnikov

12.30–15.00 Lunch

Lecture and Discussion

15.00–17.00

Plato and Ancient Mathematics – I
Conducted by Andrej Schetnikov

August 21, Thursday

Lecture and Discussion

11.00–13.00

Plato and Ancient Mathematics – II
Conducted by Andrej Schetnikov

12.30–15.00 Lunch

Reading class

15.00–17.00

Plato, *Philebus* – II
Conducted by Svetlana Mesyats and
Andrej Schetnikov

August 22, Friday

Interdisciplinary seminar

Dialogue and Dialectics

Morning session

10.30–13.00

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Evening session

15.00–17.00

August 23, Saturday

Lecture and Discussion

10.30–13.00

Mostafa Younesie

Classical Preliminaries for Reading

Master Texts – I

Plato

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Lecture and Discussion

15.00–17.00

Mostafa Younesie

Classical Preliminaries for Reading

Master Texts – II

Aristotle

August 24, Sunday

Reading class

10.30–13.00

Plato, *Philebus* – III

Conducted by Svetlana Mesyats and

Andrej Schetnikov

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Lecture and Discussion

15.00–17.00

Mostafa Younesie

Classical Preliminaries for Reading

Master Texts – III

Cicero

August 25, Monday

Reading class

10.30–13.00

Plato, *Philebus* – IV

Conducted by Svetlana Mesyats and
Andrej Schetnikov

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Lecture and Discussion

15.00–17.00

Plato and Ancient Mathematics – III
Conducted by Andrej Schetnikov

August 26, Tuesday

Lecture and Discussion

10.30–13.00

Lilian Karali

How Environmental Archeology
has Evolved in Greece

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Round-Table Discussion

15.00–17.00

Research Centers at Universities
Discussants
Lilian Karali
Eugene Afonasin
Mostafa Younesie
John Dillon

August 27, Wednesday

Reading class

10.30–13.00

Lilian Karali

Applications of Environmental
Archeology

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Lecture and Discussion

15.00–17.00

John Dillon

On Plato and Platonism: the Problem of
Authority and the Development of Dogma.
An Overview of the Development of
Platonism from the Old Academy to
Plotinus

August 28, Thursday

Lecture and Discussion

10.30–13.00

John Dillon

Basic Issues in Platonism:
First Principles: God, Matter, Form.
Issues of Monism and Dualism

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Lecture and Discussion

15.00–17.00

John Dillon

Basic Issues in Platonism:
Soul and Body; the Structure of the Soul; its
immortality and its relation with body

August 29, Friday

13.00–15.00 Lunch

August 30, Saturday

Lecture and Discussion

10.30–13.00

John Dillon

Basic Issues in Platonism: Ethics.
Virtue, Happiness, Fate and Freewill, and
the Purpose of Life
(Metriopatheia vs. Apatheia)

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Round-Table Discussion

15.00–17.00

Great Platonic Tradition

Discussants

John Dillon

Dominic O'Meara

Eugene Afonasin

Levan Gigineishvili

Irina Mochalova

Svetlana Mesyats

August 31, Sunday

Reading class

10.30–13.00

Eugene Afonasin
Cicero as a historian of philosophy.
Introductory notes to reading
the *Tusculan Disputations*

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Lecture and Discussion

15.00–17.00

Dominic O'Meara
Metaphysics in Late Antiquity
Lecture 1: "Making Aristotle's Metaphysics
into metaphysical science in Late Antiquity:
from Alexander of Aphrodisias to Syrianus"

September 1, Monday

Reading class

10.30–13.00

Cicero, *Tusculan Disputations*
Conducted by Eugene Afonasin
and Timothy Myakin

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Reading class

15.00–17.00

Dominic O'Meara
Metaphysics in Late Antiquity
Seminar 1: selected texts from Alexander,
Syrianus and Proclus

September 2, Tuesday

Lecture and Discussion

10.30–13.00

Dominic O'Meara

Metaphysics in Late Antiquity

Lecture 2: "Producing and transcending
metaphysical knowledge in Late Antiquity:
from Proclus to Damascius"

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Reading class

15.00–17.00

Dominic O'Meara

Metaphysics in Late Antiquity

Seminar 2: selected texts from Proclus and
Damascius

September 3, Wednesday

Round-Table Discussion

10.30–13.00

Teaching Classics at Universities.
Some methodological issues

13.00–15.00 Lunch

Closing session

15.00–17.00

Results and Future Plans

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