

Online workshop: “Ancient ethics and contemporary challenges”

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The start of this century has seen a greater interest in the contemporary application of ancient philosophical ethics, although the widespread emphasis on Stoicism and the possibility of understanding Stoic ethics in isolation from the rest of Stoic philosophy remain controversial. Our century has also seen increasing anxiety about, and a conscious desire to strive for, standards in politics and public discourse, particularly in areas where the ethical and the cognitive intersect (integrity, honesty, fairness, grounds for belief). Our workshop will bring together experts on ancient philosophy, from a range of areas, to discuss how ancient ethics can inform our responses to 21st-century challenges.

Programme

9–10 UK / 10–11 France. Angelo Giavatto, « Achilles and Odysseus. Two ways of Rethinking Mortality in Ancient Ethics »

10–11 UK / 11–12 France. Lucia Saudelli, « Knowledge, Virtue and Health in Plato’s *Charmides*: Ancient ethics and Contemporary ethics »

short break

11.15–12.15 UK / 12.15–1.15 France. Jason Carter , « No One is Deceived Willingly: Plato on the Ethics of Moral Disagreement »

Lunch break

1.30–2.30 UK / 2.30–3.30 France. Marion Bourbon, « (Re)lectures et réappropriations contemporaines du stoïcisme: sens, limites et enjeux »

short break

3–4 UK / 4–5 France. Carol Atack « The anachronistic gentleman: the persistence of inequalities in the ancient moral exemplar of the *kaloskagathos* »

4– UK / 5– France. Concluding reflections, led by M.M.McCabe

All welcome. If you wish to participate, please email the organisers (Dr Jordi Pia Comella, piacomellajordi@gmail.com , and Dr Alex Long, agl10@st-andrews.ac.uk) by Thursday 30 September.