



**ONLINE WORKSHOP**

# WHAT DOES ECONOMIC LANGUAGE MAKE WITH AND IN SOCIETIES?

**Ancient and Modern Perspectives**

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**Thursday 22 October 2026 · 7 pm (Instituto de Filosofía,  
Universidad San Sebastián, Santiago de Chile)**

**Friday 23 October 2026 · 8 am (Institute for the History of  
Ancient Civilizations, Northeast Normal University,  
Changchun)**

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This one-day workshop brings together scholars working at the intersection of ancient and contemporary thought to explore the ancient foundations of contemporary politics, philosophy and economics, from early Greek cosmology and the Socratics to today's debates in political philosophy and economic theory. **Rather than treating antiquity as mere background, it asks what each tradition illuminates and challenges in the other.**

## **SPEAKERS**

### **Sven Günther (IHAC, NENU)**

Charity & Co., or How to cover economic rationality and hard economic reality in modern and ancient times

### **Zhao Jinkang (IHAC, NENU & University of Kassel)**

The Emperor's Debt: Obligation and Economic Language in Ausonius' *Gratiarum Actio*

### **Liang Xiao (University of Kassel)**

Making Subsistence Intelligible: Economic Rationality in Dio Chrysostom's *Euboicus*

### **Liao Haoting (IHAC, NENU)**

The Reframing of Wealth and Social Networks of Paulinus of Nola

### **Kaveh Pourvand (USS, Santiago de Chile)**

The Mirage of Collective Self-Determination

### **Stanislas Richard (USS, Santiago de Chile)**

A Half-seen Wrong: Exploitation in Roman Law

### **Federico López (USS, Santiago de Chile)**

Response to Stanislas Richard