

Platonism and Christian Thought in Late Antiquity
International Workshop in Oslo
on the Philosophy of Late Antiquity
University of Oslo – Norway,
December 2-3, 2016

Call For Papers

The aim of this Workshop is to bring together in Oslo scholars at an early career stage (PhD Candidates, postdocs or similar) for presenting papers on the encounter between Platonism and Christian thought in Late Antiquity.

The influence of Platonism on Christian thought is acknowledged to have been profound. Numerous studies have brought new knowledge both about Platonic ontology and ethics as well as on Christian metaphysics and anthropology, demonstrating how a number of Early Christian writers engaged with Platonism in their endeavours to deepen and systematize the Christian doctrine and faith.

Over the past three decades, the Department of Philosophy at the University of Oslo has become a pioneer in the research on the History of Philosophy. The study of Neoplatonism and Christian thought has been a distinct research activity of a larger group of researchers in ancient philosophy, consisting of internationally renowned scholars, senior researchers, and PhD students.

With this call we invite abstracts for papers from PhD students, postdocs and early career researchers, on any topic focusing on Platonism and Christianity in Late Antiquity. We encourage interdisciplinary approaches; we welcome proposals within philosophy, patristics and the history of Late Antiquity. Although proposals on any aspect of this research field are welcome, preference may be given to papers on the following topics:

- I. Porphyry of Tyre and Christianity
- II. The question of Evil in Late Antiquity
- III. Augustine and Christian Neoplatonism in imperial Milan
- IV. Apophaticism in Greek thought

The Workshop is promoted by the Society for Ancient Philosophy at UiO.

Papers should be prepared for 30 minutes presentation, which will be followed by feedback and discussion. Paper abstracts, up to 300 words, should be sent to the Workshop Committee: oslo.lateantiquity@gmail.com

The Committee will discuss the proposals and will approve 11 papers for presentation.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is **August 10, 2016**.

All applicants will be given a notice on their abstract by August 20, 2016.

Accepted papers should be submitted no later than November 10, 2016. Participants will receive a copy of all accepted papers at least 2 weeks in advance of the Workshop.

The Workshop will cover the accommodation costs in Oslo (2 nights hotel stay on the nights of December 2nd and 3rd, meals and coffee during the event, and a farewell dinner). The Workshop will also provide some financial support for travel expenses to those participants who do not dispose travel funds. For that matter and for any further inquiries concerning the Workshop, please contact: panagiotis.pavlos@ifikk.uio.no .