

古希腊经典文本 (Plato's *Philebus*)
2018 Spring PKU

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课程简介

本课程将研读从荷马到晚期古代的希腊经典文献, 涵盖历史、文学、哲学、宗教等多方面的文本, 每次开设根据研究和学生的需求改变文本。课程致力于帮助学生学会细读经典文本的技艺, 同时初步掌握古典方面学术研究论文引用写作的规范。

2017 年夏季学期我们主要讨论了一般被称为“智者” (Sophists) 的早期希腊思想家。我们不仅研读了 Protagoras, Gorgias 等作者的残篇和证言, 也关注了一些在汉语学界尚不太引人注目的文本, 例如 Antiphon 的“On Truth”纸草, Alcidas 与 Isocrates 的争论, 以及匿名作者的“Dissoi Logoi”等。

2018 年夏季学期我们的课程主题是柏拉图的晚期对话《斐勒布》 (*Philebus*), 我们将逐句阅读和讨论这一文本。课程的目的一方面是历史与解释的, 另一方面是理论和系统的。我们不仅希望通过这一课程, 使得学生熟悉柏拉图的晚期对话和晚期思想。在必要的地方, 我们可能讨论《斐勒布》与“未成文学说”, 亚里士多德对于“快乐”的不同界定等相关话题。在阅读《斐勒布》的英文译本的同时, 我们也会讨论新近的研究文献。除了柏拉图研究之外, 也包含少量亚里士多德和希腊化时期相关思想的论文。

考核方式

1. 平时小作业、课堂报告和发言 40%
2. 期末研究论文 60%

说明: 每人至少做一次课堂报告。由于是讨论课, 本课程要求学生尽量出席并且贡献自己的心得, **无故缺席超过三次以上的 (包括三次) 或建议退课或本课按零分算。**

教学安排 (2018 夏季学期)

Week 1: Introduction

Week 2: (a) What is hedonism? (b) The *Philebus*' opening: pleasure vs. knowledge (11 a-14b)

*Crisp, R. (2006). "Hedonism Reconsidered", *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research*, LXXIII (3): 619-645.

Week 3: The problem of the One and Many (14b-20a)

* Fletcher, E. (2017). "The Divine Method and the Disunity of Pleasure in the *Philebus*", *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 55.

- Week 4:** The Dream of Socrates and the compromise solution (20b-23b); The fourfold division of all beings (23b-27c)
- * Dancy, R.M. (2007). "The Limits of Being in the *Philebus*" *Apeiron* 40: 35-70
- Week 5:** The genera of pleasure and knowledge (27c-31b), The critique of pleasure: the nature of pleasure and pain (31b-36c)
- * Tuozzo, T. (1996). "The General Account of Pleasure in Plato's *Philebus*" *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 34.4: 495-513
- Week 6:** What is pain?
- M. Evans, 'Plato and the Meaning of Pain', *Apeiron*, 40 (2007), 71–94
- Week 7:** (1) False pleasures: pleasures falsely depicted (36c-41b); False pleasures: inflated pleasures (41b-42c)
- * Gosling, J.C.B. (1959). "False Pleasures: *Philebus* 35c-41b" *Phronesis* 4.1: 44-53
- * Frede, D. (1985). "Rumplestilskin's Pleasures: True and False Pleasures in Plato's *Philebus*" *Phronesis* 30: 151-180
- Week 8:** Confusion of pleasure with freedom from pain (42c-44e); Pleasures mixed with pain (44e-50e) Part 1
- * Schofield, Malcolm (1971) "Who were hoi dyschereis in Plato, *Philebus* 44a ff.7," *Museum Helveticum* 28.
- * Cheng, W. (2018) "Dyschereia and Aporia: the Formation of a Philosophical Term", *TAPA* 148, 75-110.
- Week 9:** Mixed pleasure, pain, and emotion (44e-50e) Part 2
- * Miller, M. 2008. "The Pleasures of the Comic and of Socratic Inquiry: Aporetic Reflections on *Philebus* 48a-50b" *Arethusa* 41.2: 263-289
- Week 10:** True pleasures (50e-55c); the critique of knowledge: pure and impure forms (55c-59d)
- * Fletcher, Emily (2014). "Plato on Pure Pleasure and the Best Life". *Phronesis* 59 (2):113-142.
- Week 11:** Mixing together the good life (59d-64b), The solution of the discussion: the final ranking of goods (64c-67b)
- * Lang, P.M. 2010. "The Ranking of the Goods at *Philebus* 66a-67b" *Phronesis* 55: 153-169
- Week 12:** General Reflection
- * Waterfield, R.A.H. 1980. "The Place of the *Philebus* is Plato's Dialogues." *Phronesis* 25.3: 270- 305
- * Cooper, J.M. 2004. "Plato and Aristotle on 'Finality' and '(Self-)Sufficiency' in Cooper, J.M. *Knowledge, Nature, and the Good*. Princeton: 270-308
- Week 13:** Contemporary Hedonism
- * Feldman, F. "Attitudinal hedonism", in *Pleasure and the Good Life*, OUP, 55-78

Week 14-15: open

Possible Topics:

1. Aristotle's Reply to the *Philebus*; Damascius' Commentary on the *Philebus*; Gadamer's *Philebus*; Davidson's *Philebus*...
2. Plato's *Philebus* and his so-called unwritten doctrine; Philebus and the Academic debate over pleasure; the *Philebus* and ancient medicine; the metaphor of mixture in the *Philebus* and other dialogues of Plato; the definitions of pleasure in the *Philebus* and other dialogues...

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Ancient Commentaries:

Westerink, L.G. (ed., tr.). 1959. *Damascius: Lectures on the Philebus*. Amsterdam

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Davidson, D. 1990. *Plato's Philebus*. New York

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