

## 23rd Annual Meeting of the *Collegium Politicum*

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'The Fragility of Athens'

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## Ancient Critiques of Democracy and their Contemporary Relevance

June 13th - 14th - Alghero, Sardegna



## Program:

### June 13, 2024

\*Morning Location:

Second floor of 'Complesso Lo Quarter', LARGO LO QUARTER snc

9:15

Welcome Greetings

9:30 – 10:15

**Giovanni Giorgini** (Università di Bologna):

*Thucydides and the Problem of Democratic Leadership*

10:15 – 11:00

**Veronika Konrádová** (J. E. Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem):

*Democracy and Political Rhetoric*

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:15

**Diego Zucca** (Università di Sassari):

*Knowledge, Rhetoric and Democracy in Plato's Gorgias*

12:15 – 13:00

**Beatriz Bossi** (Universidad Complutense de Madrid):

*Can Philosophers Make the Ideal City Happy Without the Political Participation of Ordinary People?*

13:00 – 15:00

*Lunch Break*

\*Afternoon Location: Complesso Santa Chiara, 'Aula Scano',

'Dipartimento di Architettura, Urbanistica e Design', Placeta de Santa Creu 9

15:00 – 15:45

**Federica Piangerelli** (Accademia Vivarium Novum – Università di Macerata):

*The City in the Mirror. Plato's Menexenus as a Philosophical Example of 'Democratic Propaganda'*

15:45 – 16:30

**Bernat Torres Morales** (Universitat Internacional de Catalunya)

& **Josep Monserrat-Molas** (Universitat de Barcelona):

*The Foundation of the City and the Types of Regimes in Plato's Statesman*

16:30 – 17:00

*Coffee Break*

17:00 – 17:45

**Franco Trabattoni** (Università di 'Milano Statale'):

*Il Politico di Platone: lo spazio politico come zona grigia tra il predominio del sapere e la certezza della legge*

17:45 – 18:30

**Alberto Maffi** (Università di Milano-Bicocca):

*Sapere 'statuale' e sapere 'politico' in Platone e Aristotele*

20:30

*Dinner* - Ristorante 'Movida' - Bastioni Magellano 14-18

### June 14, 2024

Location for the entire day:

Second floor of 'Complesso Lo Quarter', LARGO LO QUARTER snc

9:00 – 09:45

**Elena Irrera** (Università di Bologna):

*Aristotle's Defense of Athenian Ostracism and Equal Epistemic Power: A Criticism of Democracy?*

09:45 – 10:30

**Simon Weber** (Universität Bonn):

*Aristotle on Democracy and Civic Equality*

10:30 – 11:00

*Coffee Break*

11:00 – 11:45

**Francesca Masi** (Università Ca' Foscari Venezia):

*Costituzione legge e giustizia: il discrimine tra buona e cattiva democrazia secondo Aristotele.*

11:45 – 12:30

**Maria Liatsi** (University of Ioannina):

*Virtue and Freedom as Principles of Democracy: Aristotle's Doctrine and its Relevance for Modern Political Thought*

12:30 – 14:30

*Lunch Break*

14:30 – 15:15

**Philip Schmitz** (Universität Leipzig):

*Isocrates' Critique of the Radical Democracy in the Areopagiticus and its Relation to Plato's Republic*

15:15 – 16:00

**Stefano Mecci** (Università di Roma Sapienza):

*Fas est et ab hoste doceri: Dyogenes the Cynic and Athenian Democracy*

16:00 – 16:30

*Coffee Break*

16:30 – 17:15

**Elisa della Calce** (Università di Torino):

*The Rule of People Between Democracy and Tyranny: Cicero's De Republica and His Greek Models*

17:15 – 18:00

**Manuel Knoll** (Universität München):

*Ancient and Contemporary Critiques of Democracy*

18:15 – 19:15

General Assembly of the Collegium Politicum

20:30

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