

**25th Annual Meeting of the  
*Collegium Politicum***

# **Pain, Pleasure and the City**

**May 28th - 29th**

Sala de Graus, Facultat de *Filosofia i Lletres*  
Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Cerdanyola del Vallès



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9:30 – 9:45

Welcoming words

9:45 – 10:30

Antony Hatzistavrou (University of Hull): **Pleasure, Pain and Political Unity in the Republic and the Laws**

10:30 – 11:15

Marta Jimenez (Universidad Complutense de Madrid): **Plato on Pleasure, Experience, and the Obstacles against a Hedonic Science**

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:30

Beatriz Bossi & Soledad Menéndez-Tolosa Rey (Universidad Complutense de Madrid): **No measure, no (real) pleasure**

12:30 – 13:15

Benoît Castelnérac (Université de Sherbrooke): **Plato's Ideal City: Intellectualism, Relativism and Aesthetics**

13:15 – 15:00 Lunch Break

15:00 – 15:45

Francesca Eustacchi (Università degli studi di Macerata): **La dialettica del piacere: figure platoniche e risonanze psicoanalitiche**

15:45 – 16:30

Sylvana V. Chrysakopoulou (University of Ioannina): **Jouissance and beyond in Plato's Symposium (Lacan reading Plotinus)**

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee Break

17:00 – 17:45

Veronika Konrádová (J. E. Purkyně University in Ústí nad Labem): **The Irresistible Pleasures of Flattering Rhetoric**

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Arianna Fermani (Università degli studi di Macerata): **When the pain is pleasant. On the many (perverse) connections of pleasure and pain in Aristotle**

10:15 – 11:00

Jakub Jinek (Charles University, Prague): **Pleasure as the bond of political community in Plato and Aristotle**

Coffee Break 11:00 – 11:30

11:30 – 12:15

Jorge Cano (Universidad Complutense de Madrid): **Perculsae corda tua vi: apuntes sobre una física venérea**

12:15 – 13:00

Deyvis Deniz (Universitat de Barcelona): **La respuesta estoica al «argumento de la cuna»**

Lunch Break 13:00 – 15:00

15:00 – 15:45

Ignacio Marcio Cid (Universitat de Barcelona): **La dimensión política del placer y del dolor en Epicuro**

15:45 – 16:30

Joan Cuscó (Universitat de Barcelona): **On Music, Pleasure and Pain**

Coffee Break 16:30 – 17:00

17:00 – 17:45

Manuel Knoll (Universität München, LMU): **Ancient and Contemporary Hedonism. The Role of Scientific and Technological Progress**

17:45 – 18:15

**General Assembly of the Collegium Politicum**

Conference Dinner 20:00

*Expected time for each presentation: 30 minutes, plus 15 minutes for discussion.  
All conference participants are expected to contribute to all discussions.*