

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR PRESOCRATIC STUDIES
FIFTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE: 13–17 JUNE 2016
AUSTIN, TEXAS, USA: THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN
CALL FOR PAPER PROPOSALS

The International Association for Presocratic Studies (IAPS, founded 2008) announces its Fifth Biennial Conference. The meeting will be hosted by the Joint Classics-Philosophy Graduate Program in Ancient Philosophy at The University of Texas at Austin.

IAPS understands “Presocratics” to be the figures for whom either fragments of their work or relevant testimonia are collected in Hermann Diels’ *Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker* (6th edn. 1951, edited by Walther Kranz). IAPS welcomes presentations on philosophical, philological, textual, doxographical, historical, literary, and religious themes, as well as studies of the reception of Presocratic thought.

The dates of the 2016 conference are set so as to avoid conflict either with the WORLD CONGRESS “ARISTOTLE 2400 YEARS,” 23-28 May 2016 in Thessaloniki, or the XI SYMPOSIUM PLATONICUM: Plato’s *Phaedo*, 4-8 July 2016 in Brasilia.

Submission of proposals/abstracts. Proposals for papers, in the form of abstracts (maximum 300 words) should be sent to:

Prof. A. P. D. Mourelatos, <apdm@austin.utexas.edu>.

Authors of proposals are asked to observe two deadlines:

(i) submission of abstracts, 16 November 2015; (ii) submission of full copy of paper (after acceptance of proposal), 1 March 2016.

Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by a program committee appointed by the Council of IAPS. The decision of the program committee will be communicated via e-mail to authors of abstracts not later than 15 January 2016. Authors whose proposals have been accepted will receive an official invitation to present a paper at the conference.

- Papers may be written in English, French, German, Italian, or Spanish.
- For papers written in languages other than English, it is recommended that a full English version be prepared by the author in time for distribution to the audience at the conference.
- If the paper contains untransliterated Greek, a Unicode font should be used.
- Maximum length of the full copy of the paper is 3,000 words, exclusive of footnotes and bibliography.

In accordance with the arrangement that was successfully implemented at the Fifth Biennial meeting of IAPS in Thessaloniki, some of the papers will be read in plenary session and others will be presented in seminar-like discussion sessions. Plenary sessions will conform to the usual practice for conferences: authors will read their papers, and there will be a brief period for questions and answers, allotting 30 minutes to the reading of each paper and 10–15 minutes to questions and answers.

Discussion sessions will be concurrent and will work differently. In smaller-venue rooms or around a table in a larger space, authors will make a brief oral presentation, enhanced by handouts and printed summaries; and then most of the period of 75 minutes will be devoted to discussion. The discussion sessions are not to be envisaged as programmed for papers of lower quality than those presented at plenary sessions. Rather they are intended for authors who prefer more extensive discussion of their work and/or for topics that would be most fruitfully discussed in such a venue. At the time of notification of acceptance of the submitted abstract, authors will be given the opportunity to express

preference for either plenary-session or seminar-type venue. While taking such preference into account, the IAPS program committee will have final say on assignment of the accepted presentation to either type of venue.

Membership in IAPS. Not required as a condition for submission of a proposal; and there are no membership dues. Scholars who wish to be enrolled as members of IAPS should contact the IAPS President at this address: Professor Daniel W. Graham, Department of Philosophy
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Austin and Its Region in Texas. The capital of the State of Texas, and home (in addition to UT Austin) of another five institutions of higher learning, Austin is an attractive and flourishing city of close to 1 million inhabitants. Bisected by the Texas Colorado River, Austin is at the edge of the **Texas Hill Country** and at the end of the chain of **Highland Lakes** formed by dams on the Colorado River. The city boasts many public parks, green belts, and swimming pools—most famously the large spring-fed Barton Springs swimming pool. The university campus offers three outdoor swimming pools, an indoor natatorium, plus (for major competitions) an Olympic-size swimming pool and Olympic diving well. Visitors should be prepared for summer heat: the temperature highs in early and mid-June are likely to be in the lower 90°s Fahrenheit = 32°-34° Celsius; but indoor spaces are almost universally air-conditioned.

On the UT Austin campus, of special interest to IAPS participants would be:

- The extraordinary holdings of the Harry Ransom Humanities Research Center (HRC) in nineteenth and twentieth-century manuscripts, rare books (especially in the history of early modern science), photography, and materials related to the performing arts.
- Specifically at the HRC: (i) the very first edition of Presocratic fragments (*Ποίησις φιλόσοφος: Poesis Philosophica*, by Henri Estienne, Geneva, 1573); (ii) the large archive of the papers and books of Gregory Vlastos.
- The Benson Latin American Collection.
- The Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library and Museum.

The colorful and bi-cultural (Hispanic and Anglo) city of **San Antonio** is just 80 miles (130 km.) south of Austin. The San Antonio Museum of Art (SAMA) has an impressive collection of Egyptian, Greek, and Roman antiquities, the largest in the southern United States. SAMA includes a magnificent collection of Greek vases. San Antonio's McNay Art Museum has excellent holdings in French painting and Post-Impressionism.—At the same distance of 80 miles, but to the east, toward Houston, is the charming small town of **Round Top**, where every year in June and early July the renowned Round Top Festival Institute offers on Saturdays performances by chamber music ensembles and by the Texas Festival Orchestra (the latter comprising highly talented young musicians selected in competition from across the world).—At 160 miles = 260 km. to the east/southeast of Austin is **Houston**. Being the fourth largest city in the USA, home of Rice University, of the University of Houston, and of the Texas Medical Center, Houston is rich in modern architecture, in museums for the fine arts, the sciences, and technology, as well as in performing-arts companies and venues. The Houston Ballet's spring season continues into the first three weeks of June.

Information on lodging possibilities in Austin will be provided to the scholars whose proposals will have been accepted for presentation.

Air Travel to Austin-Bergstrom Airport. All major U.S. airlines and their international partners offer joint fares to/from Austin. Moreover, there are now non-stop international connections between Austin and: Cancun (Yucatan, Mexico), Toronto (Canada), London (U.K.), and Frankfurt (Germany).