



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# ANCIENT CONCEPTIONS OF *TECHNĒ*: DEFINITIONAL ISSUES, METHODOLOGY, AND ANALOGIES

6-7 December 2024

Ehemaliger Senatssaal (2. OG)  
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## THURSDAY, 5 DECEMBER 2024

19.00

Informal get-together and dinner at Restaurant  
„Red - Die grüne Küche“ (Poststraße 42)

## FRIDAY, 6 DECEMBER 2024

08.30 – 09.00

Morning coffee

09.00 – 09.05

Welcome and opening remarks

09.05 – 10.35

**Keynote address#1**

Rachel Barney (Toronto): “Plato on the Teleology of Craft”

10.30 – 10.45

Coffee break

10.45 – 11.45

Anne Balansard (Aix/Marseille): “A *technē* Without Technology in Platonic Ethics”.

11.45 – 12.00

Coffee break

12.00 – 13.00

Sebastian Odzuck (Frankfurt): “The Role of *empeiria* in Plato’s Discussion of *technē*”.

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch break

14.30 – 15.30

Marilù Papandreou (Bergen): “Things Gone Wrong: Aristotle on Deviations and Failures in Art and Nature”.

15.30 – 15.45

Coffee break

15.45 – 16.45

Ronja Hildebrandt (Dortmund): “Art and Nature in Aristotle’s *Protrepticus*”.

16.45 – 17.00

Coffee break

17.00 – 18.00

Antonio Ferro (Heidelberg): “Before and After *technē*: The Task of *empeiria* in Aristotle’s Account of the Origin and Content of Craft”.

19.00

Conference dinner at Restaurant „Zafferano“ (Poststraße 34)

## SATURDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2024

08.30 – 09.00

Morning coffee

09.00 – 10.30

**Keynote address#2**

Sophia M. Connell (Birkbeck, London): “Aristotle and Theophrastus on Technology that Makes Use of Animals and Plants”.

10.30 – 10.45

Coffee break

10.45 – 11.45

Robert Roreitner / Sean Coughlin (Prague): “Theophrastus on Art and Nature”.

11.45 – 12.00

Coffee break

12.00 – 13.00

Máté Veres (Geneva): “Wisdom and Expertise in Early Stoicism”

13.00 – 14.30

Lunch break

14.30 – 15.30

Tue Søvsø (Heidelberg): “Making Sense of Things: Antiochus and the Stoics on *technē* and the Embeddedness of Human Reason”

15.30 – 15.45

Coffee break

15.45 – 16.45

Stefan Röttig (Würzburg): “The Art of Life and Other Arts in Epictetus: Analogies and Disanalogies.”

16.45 – 17.00

Coffee break

17.00 – 18.30

**Keynote address#3**

Karen M. Nielsen (Oxford): “Infinite Jest? Socrates’ Conception of Craft in the *Hippias Minor* and Its Implications for Aristotle’s Ethics”

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