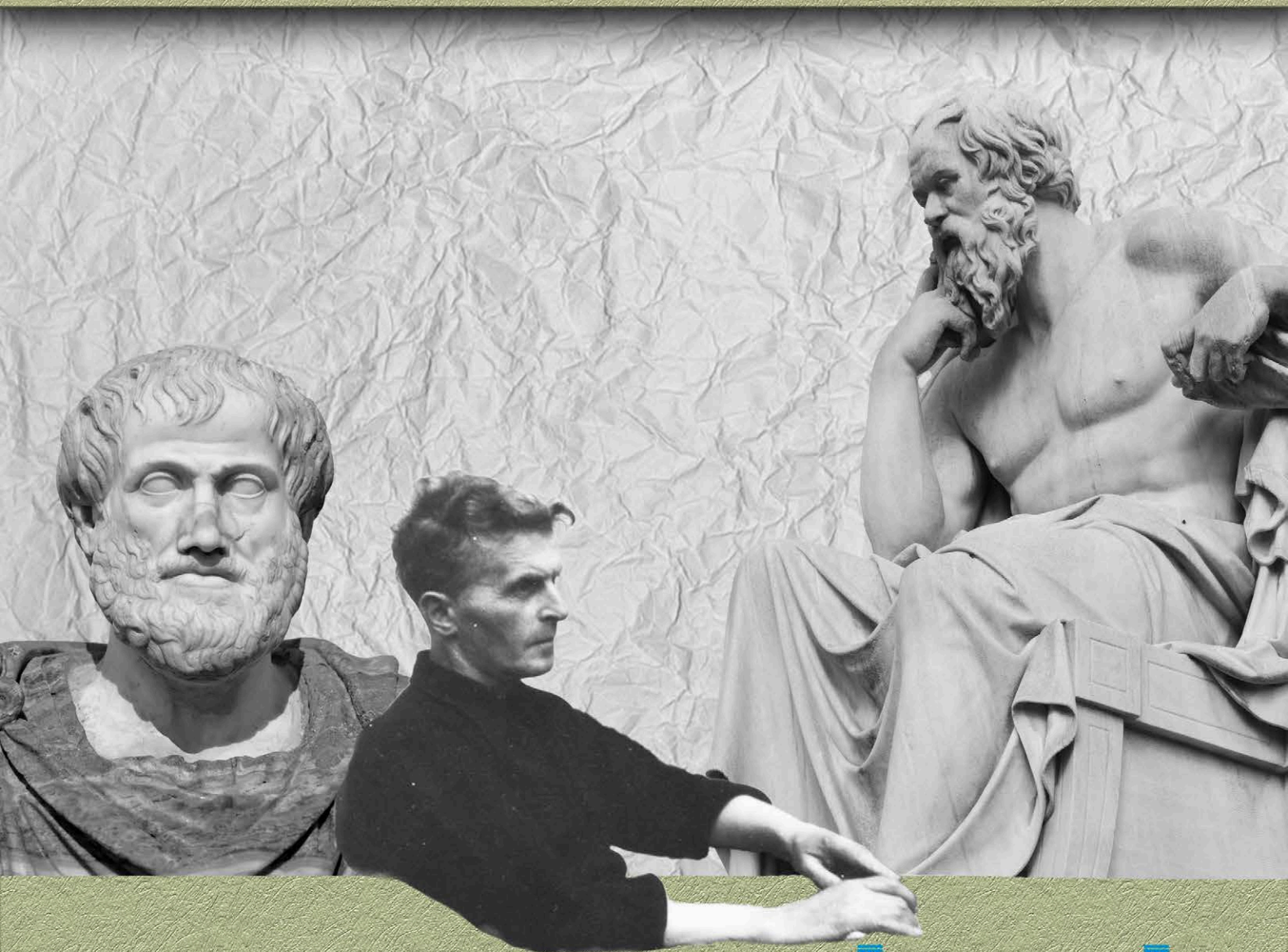


Wittgenstein and Ancient Philosophy

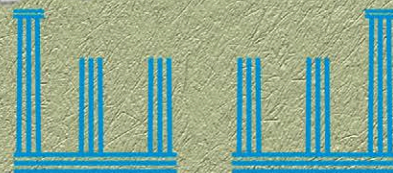
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29 JUNE 2026

9:00 **Registration**

9:15 **Opening addresses:**
Anthony Hatzimoyzis (University of Athens)
Lassi Jakola (Finnish Institute at Athens)
Vasso Kindi (University of Athens)

9:30–10:30 **Keynote lecture 1:** Thomas Wallgren
Philosophy as a form of life -- Socrates' and Wittgensteins 'Enlightenment Optimism

10:30 **Coffee**

Ilía Kríspi hall
(Ground floor of the Museum building)

Lecture room at Tholou 16
(1st floor, opposite to the Museum building)

Philosophy as a way of life

Early Greek Intellectual History

11:00–11:45 Sebastian Sunday Grève
The Problem of Socrates and the Problem
of Wittgenstein

11:00–11:45 Gilad Nir
Heraclitus's Riddles and Wittgenstein's
Solutions

11:45–12:30 Oskari Kuusela
Wittgenstein and philosophy as a way of life

11:45–12:30 Nimrod Matan
"Is Greek tragedy comprehensible to us?" -
Wittgenstein on tragedy

12:30–13:15 Manolis Simos & Stelios Virvidakis
Wittgenstein's Conception of Philosophy as
an Art of Living

12:30–13:15 Jonathan Gombin
The Identity of the Good and the Beautiful:
Plato's Shadow in Wittgenstein's Tractatus

Lunch break

Plato I

Aristotle I

18:00–18:45 Alberto Emiliani
On Wittgenstein's Affinity to Plato

18:00–18:45 Reshef Agam-Segal
Wittgensteinian Hylomorphism in the
Philosophy of Mind

18:45–19:30 Chiara Salamone
Wittgenstein and Plato's Cratylus 434a1-2:
Pictures and Language beyond the Nature-
Convention Dichotomy

18:45–19:30 Arturo Vazquez
Aristotle and Wittgenstein on Causation

19:30–20:15 Ermioni Prokopaki
Plato and the Early Wittgenstein on the
Psychology of Falsehood

19:30–20:15 Maria Balaska
Wittgenstein, Heidegger, and Aristotle
on logical delimitation (Bestimmung and
ὁρισμός)



30 JUNE 2026

9:30–10:30 Keynote lecture 2: James Conant
Plato, Ryle, and Wittgenstein on Sign and Symbol

10:30 Coffee

Ilía Kríspi hall
(Ground floor of the Museum building)

Plato II

11:00–11:45 Michael Campbell
Wittgenstein as Platonist? Knowledge and Authority
in the *Philosophical Investigations* and the *Republic*

11:45–12:30 Weiouqing Chen
The Depth of Convention in Plato

12:30–13:15 Joel de Lara
An 'Absurd' Approach to Epistemology:
Wittgenstein, the *Theaetetus*, and Ordinary
Language Philosophy

Hellenistic Philosophy

18:00–18:45 Simone Tropea
Ζῶν Νοετόν – Εἰκόν – Lebensform. The
Living as the Condition of Meaning: A Phil-
osophical Morphology from Plato to Witt-
genstein

18:45–19:30 Jeremías Avilés
Philosophy as Practice: Wittgenstein, Stoic
Attention, and the Work of Clarification

19:30–20:15 Joaquín Jareño-Alarcón
"Fear in the face of death is the best sign of
a false, i. e., a bad, life". Wittgenstein and
Epicurus on the concept of "Ataraxia"

Lecture room at Tholou 16
(1st floor, opposite to the Museum building)

Aristotle II

11:00–11:45 Harry Alanen
Wittgensteinian Arithmetic, Aristotelian
Arm-Raisings

11:45–12:30 Chryssi Sidiropoulou
Choice to do, not freedom of doing in Wittgenstein
and Aristotle

12:30–13:15 Nicola Gianola
Recovering the Greek Conception of Percep-
tion: Wittgenstein and Aristotle

Lunch break

Aristotle III

18:00–18:45 Ioannis Spiliopoulos
Aristotle and Wittgenstein on Polysemy in
Ordinary Language

18:45–19:30 Florian Rieger
Learning, Rules and the Grasp of Principles
in Wittgenstein and Aristotle

19:30–20:15 Chryssoula Gitsoulis
The Role of Practice and Dispositions in
Aristotle and Wittgenstein

Reception

(The Upper Yard of the Museum)



1 JULY 2026

9:30–10:30 Keynote lecture 3: Constantine Sandis
“Quiet, Sextus”: Against Neo-Pyrrhonian Readings of Wittgenstein

10:30 Coffee

Ilía Krispi hall
(Ground floor of the Museum building)

Lecture room at Tholou 16
(1st floor, opposite to the Museum building)

Scepticism

Late Ancient Philosophy and Reception

11:00–11:45 Matthieu Marion
Wittgenstein and Pyrrhonian Scepticism

11:00–11:45 No lecture

11:45–12:30 Mehmet Onur Canpolat
“[...] passing over in silence” against the
Academic Sceptics: To the Pyrrhonian Tran-
quility with the Tractarian Ladder

11:45–12:30 Eran Guter
Wittgenstein contra Augustine: Memo-
ry-time, Information-time, and Music

Pause

12:45–13:30 Anna Tigani
Wittgenstein’s *On Certainty* and the Ancient
Sceptics: Dialectical Investigations into the
Foundations of Knowledge

12:45–13:30 Barnaby Burleigh
A Shared Problem? – Burnyeat on Wittgen-
stein and Augustine

13:30–14:45 Pantelis Golitsis
The influence of the TLP on Ancient Philos-
ophy

13:30–14:45 Geraldine Ng
Bernard Williams and Wittgenstein:
If the Ancients could speak, could we un-
derstand them?

