Conference Program: Desiring the Good in Plato


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11 am
Welcome: Katja Vogt

11:10 – 12:40
Speaker: Iakovos Vasiliou (CUNY, Graduate Center), “Plato and Moral Motivation”
Commentator: Wolfgang Mann (Columbia University)

12:40 – 1:40
Lunch (on site)

1:40 – 3:10
Speaker: Matthew Evans (NYU), “The Good of the Euthyphro”
Commentator: Christiana Olfert (Columbia University)

3:10 – 4:40
Commentator: Taylor Carman (Barnard College/Columbia University)

4:40 – 5:00
Coffee break

5:00 – 6:30
Speaker: Melissa Lane (Princeton University), “Weakness of virtue, not will: Plato on self-knowledge and akrasia”
Commentator: Melissa Schwartzberg (Columbia University)

Dinner for speakers