

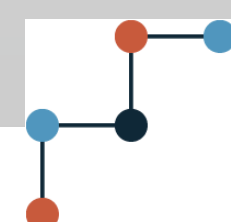
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PROGRAMME:

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- 14:30** JENS SCHLIETER, GUIDO NERGER (Bern): *Introduction*
- 15:00** CLAIRE MAES (Tübingen): Food Fights in Early India: Vegetarianism in Buddhism and Jainism
- 16:15** CHIARA FERELLA (Mainz): Rebirth and the Ethics of Eating in Empedocles and Plato
- 17:00** DAVID HERNÁNDEZ DE LA FUENTE (Madrid): The Meat and Society: Sources on Pythagorean Vegetarianism in Context
- 18:15** GUIDO NERGER (Bern): The Nectar and Ambrosia of Philosophy: Divine Vegetarianism as the Foundation of Immortality

FRIDAY, MAY 22

- 9:00** PHILIPP ANDRÉ MAAS (Leipzig): Non-Violence, Karma and Rebirth in Classical Yoga: A Historical Contextualisation
- 9:45** JENS SCHLIETER (Bern): Your Mother and Your Brother: Vegetarian Arguments from 'Intergenerational Autophagy' in India and Greece
- 11:00** BETTINA REESE (Potsdam): *The Greater in the Universe is Altogether Harmless*: Reflections on (not) Killing Animals in Porphyry's *De abstinentia*
- 11:45** SONSOLES COSTERO-QUIROGA (OXFORD): *Ablabeia* Meets *Ahimsa*: Porphyry's Vegetarianism and Cross-Cultural Currents of Non-Violence
- 14:00** MARKUS WILD (Basel): Beyond Half-Empty Glasses: The Argument from Wild Animal Suffering for Pessimism and Veganism
- 14:45** JENS SCHLIETER, GUIDO NERGER (Bern): *Final discussion and closing remarks*