Call for Papers

Philosophy for the Polis

Fifth international Conference of the Society for Ancient Philosophy (GANPH)

6–9 September 2016, University of Zurich

After Berlin (2004), Hamburg (2007), Würzburg (2010) and Munich (2013) the fifth triennial Conference of the Society for Ancient Philosophy (Gesellschaft für antike Philosophie, GANPH) is scheduled to take place from 6-9 September 2016 in Zurich and will be dedicated to the Political Philosophy of Antiquity.

In accordance with the objectives of the GANPH, this international congress aims at putting into the spotlight the vital importance of the ancient world for our contemporary culture in general, and in particular for philosophical reflections on the human being as ‘political animal’ and on the social preconditions for a good and successful life.

Out of the 24 papers nine shall be assigned through this Call for Papers.

We invite proposals regarding one of the following seven issues:

1. Right and justice (including economy),
2. Legitimation of rule,
3. Virtues of rulers and citizens,
4. Political orders (in particular democracy, also utopia),
5. Good polis and good life (including philosophical anthropology),
6. War and peace, inside and outside,
7. Politics and religion.

The Society’s board will evaluate the submitted papers. Accepted papers will be presented on an equal footing with invited speakers. There will be only two parallel talks.

We expect original scholarly contributions related to one of the seven issues mentioned above. The papers should not exceed 40 minutes and will be followed by discussion. The accepted papers will be published together with all other contributions in the congress proceedings, provided that their revised version has the appropriate quality. Expenses for travel and accommodation, on usual terms, will be covered by the ‘Gesellschaft für antike Philosophie’.

Please submit a draft of your paper of not less than 1–2 pages, in German or in English (pdf format required), by the end of September 2015 to the president of the GANPH: christoph.riedweg@uzh.ch