Siracusa Summer Seminar in Ancient Greek Philosophy
July 18 - 29 2022

This seminar mixes the best aspects of a philosophy conference and a classical language summer school. The program combines cultural activities and ancient Greek language study (at two levels) with academic lectures and presentations. Those who wish may also contribute to a planned volume containing a translation with facing Greek and essays presented at the seminar.

Phillip Mitsis of NYU will be Guest Professor of the 2022 Seminar, joining the regular faculty: Prof. George Gazis (Durham), Dr. Chiara Blanco (Edinburgh) and Prof. Heather Reid (Exedra).

Plato’s Euthyphro will be the focus. The first Socratic dialogue that most people read, Euthyphro not only introduces us to Plato’s literary and philosophical methods, it opens up the fundamental topic of the relationship among ethics, religion, and society. By studying the Euthyphro with facing Greek, this seminar will highlight this “minor” dialogue’s special significance for moral philosophy.

The Siracusa Seminar will combine Greek language study with academic lectures and presentations, as well as cultural activities, guided tours and cooking sessions. Participants study in the historic Palazzo Francica Nava on the picturesque island of Ortigia, just steps from the 5th century BCE Temple of Athena, and a short walk from the 6th century Temple of Apollo — or the Cala Rossa beach, in case you are in the mood for a swim. Come prepared for a full immersion into the Mediterranean lifestyle!

The Seminar will run with a minimum of 6 participants for each week. Exedra reserves the right to cancel a course if numbers are not reached.

A typical day may look like this:

Morning - guided tour/activity
3 - 5 pm - Greek Study divided by level
5 - 6 pm - Private study/Break
6 - 7 pm - Lecture/Workshop/Presentation
DAILY SCHEDULE
The seminar runs in the afternoon, leaving mornings free for optional activities or relaxing on the beach. Sessions begin with ancient Greek language study split into two groups, depending on level:

Level 1 takes the form of an Elementary Greek course aimed at learners who have already done a Beginners Greek course (with Exedra or elsewhere) and who have basic notions of the Greek language (article, declensions, pronouns, verbs etc.). Learners will read simple original Greek text (including Plato) and work on grammar and syntax as explained in the JACT “Reading Greek Beginners Course”, supplemented by handouts where necessary.

Level 2 takes the form of a reading group in which the Euthyphro will be translated and commented on. Participants usually prepare translations of short passages in advance and then present them in class, followed by open discussion. The aim is to develop skills navigating the original Greek and to discuss the content in a relaxed and friendly environment. This group will work on a translation and notes to be published in the “Greek for Philosophers” series.

After a coffee break (with Sicilian treats), the two groups come together for academic presentations or lectures, followed by open discussion in a relaxed environment with suitable refreshments.

Paper Presentations and Possible Publication
Participants interested in presenting a paper related to Plato’s Euthyphro and having it considered for publication in the seminar proceedings, need to upload an abstract prepared for blind review on the registration form.

Sponsorships/Bursaries
Participants requesting financial assistance need to apply separately at this link. Those able to sponsor a participant with financial needs can register at the sponsorship registry.

*Sponsorship: Individuals and organizations are invited to sponsor a qualified participant with financial need by paying all or part of their fees. The sponsorship may be anonymous or named, and the sponsor may choose the recipient if they wish.

On-line participation may be available, depending on Covid-related restrictions in force at the time, and will be confirmed in July 2022. If on-line is your only option, please contact info@exedramc.com.

2022 FACULTY
Guest lecturer: Prof. Phillip Mitsis is Alexander S. Onassis Professor of Hellenic Culture and Civilization, Professor of Classics and Hellenic Studies, and affiliated Professor of Philosophy and Medieval and Renaissance Studies. He came to NYU from Cornell where he was Mellon Chair in the Humanities. He has been a visiting professor at Aberdeen (Philosophy), Pittsburgh (Philosophy), and Princeton (Classics), and a recipient of fellowships from the National Humanities Center, the Howard Foundation, the ACLS, and the NEH. From 1994 until 2005 he was director of the A.S. Onassis Center and then A.S. Onassis Program in Hellenic Studies.

Prof. Heather Reid is emeritus Professor of Philosophy at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa USA and Scholar in Residence at Exedra Mediterranean Center in Siracusa, Sicily. She is a 2015 Fellow of the American Academy in Rome, 2018 Fellow of Harvard’s Center for Hellenic
Studies, and 2019 Fulbright Scholar at the Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II. She has also published books and articles in ancient philosophy, philosophy of sport, and Olympic Studies, including *Introduction to the Philosophy of Sport* (2012), *Athletics and Philosophy in the Ancient World* (2011), and *The Philosophical Athlete* (2002, 2nd ed. 2019).

**Dr. George Gazis** is Assistant Professor in Greek Literature at the Department of Classics and Ancient History, at Durham University in the UK. His research interests lie in Archaic Greek Poetry (mainly Homer), as well as Greek Lyric and Tragedy. He is the author of *Homer and the poetics of Hades* (OUP, 2018) and the editor of *Aspects of Death in Greek Literature* (LUP, forthcoming).

**Dr. Chiara Blanco** is a Teaching Fellow in Classics at the University of Edinburgh. Before moving to Edinburgh she was a Research Lecturer in Classics at Trinity College, Oxford. Before joining Trinity, she was a Lecturer in Classics at Exeter College, Oxford, and she has taught Classics at Durham University and the University of Cambridge, where she completed her PhD. Her main research interests lie in the intersections between ancient literature (Greek tragedy in particular) and medicine, and she is also interested in the role of the senses and emotions in Greek and Roman culture.

**Extra-curricular Activities**
The seminar fee includes instructions, coffee-breaks, welcome and farewell meals, plus an Ortigia tour. Additional activities will be organised by the Exedra Mediterranean Center team to give you a taste of Siracusa, its great monuments, culture, and cuisine.

On Saturday 23rd July 2022, an excursion to **Taormina and Mount Etna** will be arranged to visit the magnificent Ancient Theatre and to go wine-tasting on the volcano. The fee for the trip includes private transport, wine-tasting, entrance tickets and guide (min. 7 participants)

**FEES AND DEADLINES**
Participants can attend for one or both weeks. Sponsored bursaries covering all or part of the fee and assistance finding low-cost housing are available.

- March 15, 2022 Early registration deadline (necessary if applying for sponsorship)
- May 15, 2022 Regular registration deadline (if submitting an abstract for presentation)
- *Registration for Standard Participation will be accepted as long as space permits.*

*Those who pay their deposit for the Seminar by March 15 may follow one of our online Greek language courses in the Spring session (March – May) free.*

- 1 week €499.00 incl. VAT
- 2 weeks €980.00 incl. VAT
- Optional Day trip including visit to Ancient Theatre of Taormina and wine-tasting on Mount Etna (Min 7 people) €180.00 incl. VAT

Register for the seminar [here](#)
Siracusa Summer Seminar Costs include:
❖ Instruction (Mon - Fri) and course-materials, not including text books
❖ Certificate of attendance
❖ Welcome and farewell group meal
❖ Coffee breaks
❖ Orientation material
❖ Guided Ortigia tour
❖ Exedra support and 24-hour emergency number
❖ General liability insurance
❖ 1 cooking activity a week
❖ 2 guided tours in Siracusa a week (with transport where necessary)

Tentative Schedule Weeks 1 - 2 (Details to be confirmed)

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Exedra Mediterranean Center reserves the right to rearrange and/or substitute any activities that become unavailable with other similar activities.

Accommodation
Participants should find their own accommodation, but Exedra is happy to assist with advice or bookings of housing on/near Ortigia within walking distance of the Center. Options available on Ortigia range from AirB&B, self-catering apartments, to small guest-houses and large hotels. Anywhere on Ortigia is at most 15 minutes walk from the centre.
APPLICATION AND PAYMENT

Register for the seminar here
On completing the registration form, you will be sent a Paypal pro-forma invoice listing your choices for you to check and confirm, with details of fee payment options.
To confirm your place, you should pay the non-refundable deposit of €200.00 (two hundred euros). The deposit will only be refunded if Exedra Mediterranean Center is forced to cancel the entire course or part of it.
*Those who pay their deposit for the Seminar by March 15 2022 may follow an online Greek language course (Beginners or Elementary level) or Plato’s Gorgias reading group in the Spring session (March – May) free!*

The remainder of the fee should be paid by June 15 2022.
On a participant’s withdrawal after payment of the fees, the fees will be reimbursed, minus the deposit and any non-refundable, documented costs, up to one week before the start of the course. After one week before the course starts, all fees are forfeited, except in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of Exedra Mediterranean Center.

COVID-19 Guidelines

**Participants must have an EU ‘Green Pass’/Vaccination certificate or equivalent.**
By registering for a course, you agree to abide by the Italian anti-Covid guidelines in place at the time of the course. Exedra Mediterranean Center will ensure all participants are informed of the most up-to-date requirements on arrival and reserve the right to refuse entry to the centre to anyone who does not comply.
The center building is well-equipped with spacious rooms that enable social distancing, even during coffee-breaks.
Numbers will be limited to avoid overcrowding.
Thermo-scanners to check body-temperature and hand-sanitiser will be available.
Depending on the guidelines of the Italian government in place in July 2022, participants may be required to wear a mask at all times.

On-Line Option
If the seminar is forced on-line by Covid restrictions, the deposit will cover the cost of one week of the on-line version of the seminar.

For all queries, please contact info@exedramc.com