












IV Summer School

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ESCOLA DA MAGISTRATURA DO ESTADO DO RIO DE JANEIRO
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1. On human nature and greed. (Apr 6)

Suggested readings:

Protagoras' 'Great Speech' in the *Protagoras*; 'The Ring of Gyges' in Plato's *Republic*.

Ch. Balla, 'ΠΕΦΥΚΕΝ ΠΛΕΟΝΕΚΤΕΙΝ? Plato and the sophists on greed and savage humanity', *Polis* 35 (2018): 83-101.

M. Bonazzi, "Political all too Political. Again on Protagoras' myth in Its Intellectual Context", *Polis* 39 (2022): 425-445.

A. Beresford, "Fangs, Feathers, & Fairness: Protagoras on the Origins of Right and Wrong", in: J.M. van Ophuijsen, M. van Raalte, and P. Stork, eds., *Protagoras of Abdera. The Man, His Measure*. Leiden: Brill, 2013, 139-162.

2. On *nomos* and *physis*. (Apr. 7)

Suggested readings:

Callicles versus Socrates (Plato: *Gorgias*); Xenophon's *Memorabilia* 4.4; Antiphon, *On Truth*; Aristophanes: *Clouds*

Ch. Balla 'Plato and Xenophon on nature, procreation and persuasion: a Socratic undercurrent', in: F. Pentassuglio and Ch. Balla, eds., *Rethinking Socrates and the Socratics*. De Gruyter, forthcoming

G. Betegh, "Archelaus on Cosmogony and the Origins of Social Institutions", in: V. Caston, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, Volume 51. Oxford, GB: Oxford University Press, 1-40.

R. Barney, "Callicles and Thrasymachus", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Fall 2025 Edition), Edward N. Zalta & Uri Nodelman (eds.), URL = <<https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/fall2025/entries/callicles-thrasymachus/>>.

3. Did Plato plagiarize Protagoras? (Apr. 9)

Suggested readings:

S. Menn. "Colloquium 1: On Plato's ΠΟΛΙΤΕΙΑ". *Proceedings of the Boston Area Colloquium of Ancient Philosophy* 21.1 (2006):1-55;

D. El Murr "Eristic, Antilogy and the Equal Disposition of Men and Women (Plato, *Resp.* 5.453B–454C)". *Classical Quarterly* 70.1 (2020):85-100.

Ch. Balla "Politics in Theory and Practice", in: Billings J, Moore C, eds. *The Cambridge Companion to the Sophists*. Cambridge Companions to Philosophy. Cambridge University Press; 2023: 225-250.

4. The perils of persuasion. (Apr. 10)

Suggested readings:

Gorgias' *Helen* + Segal, Ch. P. (1962). "Gorgias and the Psychology of *Logos*", *Harvard Studies in Classical Philosophy* 66: 99-155; A.A. Long, *Greek Models of Mind and Self*, Harvard U. Press, 2015, chs. 3&4.