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## THE MORAL ASPECTS OF TYRANNY

**Xenophon  
and his contemporaries  
on good and bad government**



Hipparchus being assassinated by Harmodius and  
Aristogeiton. Red-figured stamnos (Würzburg L 515),  
ca. 475 B.C., Syriskos painter. Martin von Wagner  
Museum, Würzburg.

June 26-28, 2023  
Bamberg University

## MONDAY, JUNE 26

### 11:00 Opening of the conference

Welcome Addresses

Markus Behmer, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities,  
Bamberg University  
Sabine Vogt, Professor of Greek, Bamberg University  
Silvia Annen, Women's Representative, Bamberg  
University

Olga Chernyakhovskaya  
Introductory remarks on the choice of subject for the  
present conference  
A note on the system of political terms in Lorenzetti's  
frescoes in Siena

11:40 Coffee Break

### First Day Session Part 1

Moderator Gabriel Danzig

12:00 Carol Atack (Cambridge University, UK)  
The political ontology of tyranny: incorporating extra-  
constitutional autocracy into models of cosmic order

13:00 Edward Halper (University of Georgia, USA)  
Tyranny and the Greek political ideal

14:00 Lunch Break

### First Day Session Part 2

Moderator Carol Atack

15:30 Louis-André Dorion (University of Montreal,  
Canada)  
Should the philosopher accept the invitation of tyrant?  
The answers given by Socrates and the Socratics

16:30 Claudia Mársico (University of Buenos Aires,  
Argentina / Free University of Brussels, Belgium)  
Intra-Socratic discussions on tyranny and the role of  
intellectuals

17:30 Coffee Break

17:50 Noreen Humble (University of Calgary, Canada)  
The philosopher, the tyrant, the spin doctor, the spin  
dictator

20:00 Speakers' Banquet

## TUESDAY, JUNE 27

### Second Day Session Part 1

Moderator David Johnson

09:30 Fiorenza Bevilacqua (Magazzino di Filosofia,  
Milan, Italy)  
Xenophon, *Mem.* 3.9.12-13: a good tyrant?

10:30 Gabriel Danzig (Bar-Ilan University, Israel)  
Deioces as a model for Xenophon's Cyrus

11:30 Coffee Break

12:00 Bob van Velthoven (Leiden University,  
Netherlands)  
Standing before judgment. The tyrant as moral  
paradigm between Plato's *Republic* and Xenophon's  
*Cyropaedia*.

13:00 Melina Tamiolaki (University of Crete, Greece)  
A turbulent soul: emotions and morality in  
Xenophon's *Hiero*

14:00 Lunch Break

### Second Day Session Part 2

Moderator Diego De Brasi

15:30 David Konstan (New York University, USA)  
Tyranny and the law

16:30 David Johnson (Southern Illinois University,  
USA)  
Tyranny, consent, and the rule of law in Xenophon

17:30 Coffee Break

17:50 Vitalii Turenko (Taras Shevchenko National  
University of Kyiv, Ukraine)  
Why were there tyrants among the Seven wise men?  
Reflections between philosophy and philology

20:00 Joint Dinner

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

### Third Day Session

Moderator David Konstan

9:30 Diego De Brasi (Trier University, Germany)  
"Those who came after them desired not to rule, but to  
dominate" (*De Pace* 91): On Isocrates's use of the term  
*tyrannos* (and its cognates)

10:30 Irine Darchia (University of Tbilisi, Georgia)  
The sorrows of a tyrant according to Xenophon, Plato,  
and Aristotle

11:30 Coffee Break

11:50 Francesca Pentassuglio (Sapienza University of  
Rome, Italy)  
Loveless and friendless: Xenophon on the tyrant's  
isolation

12:50 Olga Chernyakhovskaya (Bamberg University,  
Germany)  
Tyrannical "diet": Xenophon's view of how the  
foundations of morality work to shape a tyrannical  
mind

13:50 Closing Remarks

14:00 Lunchtime

16:00 Guided tour in Bamberg