

MATTHIAS VORWERK

Curriculum Vitae

Education

- 1995-1998 Ph.D. in Greek and Latin Philology and in Philosophy (*summa cum laude*), University of Münster, Germany
Doctoral dissertation: *Plotinus, On Intellect, Ideas and Being (Enn. V 9 [5]). Text, translation, and commentary* (director: Matthias Baltes)
- 1988-1994 Degree in Greek and Latin Philology (“Staatsexamen”), University of Münster

Academic Posts

The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C.

- 2011-present Associate Dean, School of Philosophy
2009-present Associate Professor of Philosophy
2003-2009 Assistant Professor of Philosophy

Courses taught

- Graduate: PHIL 747 Plotinus
PHIL 754 The Problem of Evil in Neoplatonic Philosophy
PHIL 774 Plato, *Phaedo*
Greek Reading Group:
Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* I-V; *Parts of Animals* I; *Poetics* I
Epictetus, *Encheiridion*
Epicurus, *Letter to Menoeceus*
Plato, *Euthyphro*; *Republic* VI-VII; *Parmenides*; Myths of the afterlife;
Hippias Minor; *Meno*; *Gorgias*
Plotinus, *Ennead* I.6; V.1
Xenophon, *Memorabilia*
- Undergraduate: PHIL 201 The Classical Mind
PHIL 202 The Modern Mind
PHIL 310 Philosophy of Art
PHIL 313 Philosophy of Human Nature
PHIL 353 History of Ancient Philosophy
PHIL 455 Junior Seminar
HSPH 101 The Desire to Know
HSPH 102 Human Action and Government

Department of Classics, University College Dublin; School of Classics, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

- 2001-2003 Feodor Lynen-Research Fellow of the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation

Courses taught

Undergraduate: Modular Tutorials (1st-year Greek and Roman Civilization, UCD)
Modular Tutorials (2nd-year Greek and Roman Civilization, UCD)
Plato, *Symposium* and *Phaedrus* (replacing Prof. Dillon, TCD)

University of Münster, Germany

1998-2000 Research Associate in the research project The History of Platonism in Antiquity,
University of Münster, Germany

Publications

Books

1. *Plotins Schrift 'Über den Geist, die Ideen und das Seiende' (Enneade V 9 [5])*. Text, translation, commentary. Beiträge zur Altertumskunde 145. Munich – Leipzig: Saur, 2001.

Co-authored Books

2. *In Pursuit of "Wissenschaft." Festschrift in Honor of William M. Calder III, On the Occasion of his 75th Birthday*. Edited by St. Heilen, R. Kirstein, R. Scott Smith, St. Trzaskoma, R. van der Wal, and M. Vorwerk. Hildesheim, Zurich, and New York: Olms, 2008.
3. Baltes, M. *DIANOHMATA. Kleine Schriften zu Platon und zum Platonismus*. Edited by A. Hüffmeier, M.-L. Lakmann, and M. Vorwerk. Beiträge zur Altertumskunde 123. Stuttgart and Leipzig: Teubner, 1999.
4. *Der Platonismus in der Antike. Grundlagen – System – Entwicklung. Index zu den Bänden 1–4*. Compiled by M. Baltes in collaboration with A. Hüffmeier, M.-L. Lakmann und M. Vorwerk. Stuttgart-Bad Cannstatt: Frommann-Holzboog, 1997.

Articles

5. "Plotinus and the *Parmenides*: Problems of Interpretation." In *Plato's Parmenides and Its Heritage*. Vol. 2, *Its Reception in Neoplatonic, Jewish, and Christian Texts*, edited by K. Corrigan and J. Turner, 23-33. Atlanta: Society for Biblical Literature, 2010.
6. "Maker or Father? The Demiurge from Plutarch to Plotinus." In *One Book, The Whole Universe: Plato's Timaeus Today*, edited by R. Mohr, 79-100. Las Vegas, Zurich, and Athens: Parmenides Publishing, 2010.
7. "Der Arzt, der Koch und die Kinder: Rhetorik und Philosophie im Wettstreit." In *Gorgias -- Menon*. Selected Papers from the Seventh Symposium Platonicum, edited by M. Erler and L. Brisson. International Plato Studies 25, 297-302. St. Augustin: Academia Verlag, 2007.
8. "Citizenship of the Heavenly Fatherland: A Platonist Alternative to the Stoic Concept of Cosmopolitanism." In *Polis and Cosmopolis: Problems of a Global Era*. Vol. 2, edited by K. Boudouris, 230-40. Athens: Ionia Publications, 2003.
9. "Zauber oder Argument? Die *epoidoi muthoi* in Platon, *Nomoi X* (903 A 10–905 D 1)." In *Plato's Laws: From Theory into Practice*. Proceedings of the VI Symposium Platonicum. Selected papers, edited by S. Scolnicov and L. Brisson. International Plato Studies 15, 81-86. St. Augustin: Academia, 2003.
10. "Mythos und Kosmos. Zur Topographie des Jenseits im Er-Mythos des Platonischen Staates." *Philologus* 146 (2002): 46-64.

11. "Plato on Virtue: Definitions of *sophrosyne* in Plato's *Charmides* and in Plotinus, *Enneads* 1.2 (19)." *American Journal of Philology* 122 (2001): 29-47.

Reviews

12. *Neoplatonic Philosophy. Introductory Readings*. Edited by J. Dillon and L. P. Gerson. Indianapolis and Cambridge: Hackett, 2004. In *Classical Review* 56 (2006): 88.
13. Proclus. *On the Existence of Evils*. Translated by J. Opsomer and C. Steel. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2003. In *Review of Metaphysics* 60 (2007): 283-84.
14. O'Meara, Dominic J. *Platonopolis. Platonic Political Philosophy in Late Antiquity*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005. In *Review of Metaphysics* 61 (2008): 51-52.

Encyclopedia Articles

15. "Hymn to God." In *Encyclopedia of Religious and Philosophical Writings in Late Antiquity*. Edited by Jacob Neusner and Alan J. Avery-Peck. Leiden: Brill, 2007.

Papers and Presentations

1. "What Does Hades mean? Gregory of Nyssa, *De anima et resurrectione* (47.1-52.2 Spira)" Academia Platonica. Münchenwiler, Switzerland. October 2017.
2. "Plotinus, *On Intellect, Ideas, and Being* (*Enn.* V.9)" University of Cologne, Germany. May, 2017.
3. "One or Many? Augustine on the Form of Man." University of Cologne, Germany. February, 2016.
4. "Redefining Plato's Cardinal Virtues: Alcinous on Perfect Virtues." Academia Platonica. Ascea, Italy. September 2015.
5. "Neoplatonic Angels: What Exactly Are They?" International Society for Neoplatonic Studies. Lisbon, Portugal. June 2014.
6. "Levels of Cognition and Transcendence: Plotinus, *Enn.* VI.7.41." Conference on Plotinus Metaphysik des Guten. Academia Platonica. Würzburg, Germany. October 2013.
7. "Some Reflections on Plotinus' Demonology." International Society for Neoplatonic Studies. Cardiff, Wales. June 2013.
8. "Struggling with the Forms: A Plotinian Dilemma in the Early Augustine." The Franciscan University of Steubenville. March 2013.
9. "Simplicius, *Commentary on the Categories*: The Category of *Pou*." Alexander von Humboldt Kolleg / Academia Platonica on Philosophy of Space in Late Antiquity: Reconsidering Simplicius' Corollary on Space. Villa Vigoni, Lovenjo di Menaggio, Italy. September 2011.
10. "Angels in Neoplatonism," Early Christian Studies Seminar. The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. October 2009.
11. "Anthropologische Grundlagen der Ethik: Was ist das wahre Selbst des Menschen?" Conference "Die Ethik des Platonismus." University of Münster, Germany. October 2009.
12. "The End of Greek Metaphysics: Damascius, *Peri archon*." Academia Platonica. Lausanne, Switzerland. October 2009.
13. "From Platonic Heresy to Christian Orthodoxy: Plotinus and Augustine on Ideas of Individuals." International Society for Neoplatonic Studies. Ignatianum, Krakov, Poland. June 2009.
14. "You and Me in the Mind of God: Augustine on Ideas of Individuals." University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. May 2009.

15. "Demiurgic Creation: A Problem for Plutarch and Plotinus." International Society for Neoplatonic Studies. New Orleans. June 2008.
16. "Plutarch's Anthropology." Conference on "Plutarch, *De E apud Delphos*." Academia Platonica. Berlin, Germany. September 2007.
17. "Maker or Father? Plotinus on the Demiurge." Conference on "Plato's *Timaeus* Today." University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. September 2007.
18. "*Magna quaestio*. Augustine on Ideas of Individuals." School of Philosophy Graduate Student Spring Lecture Series. The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. January 2007.
19. "Proklos, *De providentia et fato et eo quod in nobis ad Theodorum Mechanicum*." Academia Platonica. Leiden, Netherlands. September 2005.
20. "Praising the Ineffable. A Spurious Hymn among the Poems of Gregory of Nazianzus." International Society for Neoplatonic Studies. New Orleans. June 2005.
21. "The *Life of Plotinus*: A Paradigm of Philosophical Leadership." Seminar on "Leadership and Authority in Late Antiquity." Center for the Study of Early Christianity. The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. April 2005.
22. "Plotinus and the *Parmenides*: Problems of Interpretation." Panel on "Rethinking Plato's *Parmenides* and its Platonic, Gnostic and Patristic Reception." Society for Biblical Literature. San Antonio. November 2004.
23. "The Making of the Neoplatonic System: Plotinus and the *Parmenides*." Research Seminar, Center for the Study of Early Christianity. The Catholic University of America, Washington, D.C. October 2004.
24. "Der Arzt, der Koch und die Kinder: Rhetorik und Philosophie im Wettstreit." 7th Symposium Platonicum. The International Plato Society. Würzburg, Germany. July 2004.
25. "Der anonyme Kommentar zu Platons *Parmenides*." Academia Platonica. Prague, Czech Republic. September 2002.
26. "Citizenship of the Heavenly Fatherland: A Platonist Alternative to the Stoic Concept of Cosmopolitanism." 14th International Conference on Greek Philosophy, "Polis and Cosmopolis: Problems of a Global Era." Samos, Greece. August 2002.
27. "Curing False Beliefs: The Concept and Function of 'Charming Myths' in Plato, *Laws X*." Dublin Classics Seminar. University College Dublin, Ireland. October 2001.
28. "Marsilio Ficino, *De lumine*." Academia Platonica. Florence, Italy. October 2001.
29. "Zauber oder Argument? Die *epoidoi muthoi* in Platon, *Nomoi X*." 6th Symposium Platonicum, The International Plato Society. Jerusalem, Israel. August 2001.
30. "Plotinus, *Ennead IV 7 [2] 8⁵, 1-25*." 3rd Plotinus Colloquium on "Plotino, *L'immortalità dell'anima (IV 7 [2])*." Padova, Italy. May 2001.
31. "Marius Victorinus." Academia Platonica. Münster, Germany. September 2000.
32. "Plato on Virtue. Definitions of *sophrosyne* in Plato's *Charmides* and in Plotinus, *Enneads I 2 [19]*." University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign. November 1999.
33. "Porphyrios, *De philosophia ex oraculis haurienda*." Academia Platonica. Münster, Germany. October 1999.
34. "Die Bestimmung der *sophrosyne* in Platons *Charmides* und die Lehre von den Tugendgraden bei Plotin." 5th Symposium Platonicum. The International Plato Society. Toronto, Canada. August 1998.
35. "Weihungen auf der Akropolis und der Agora: Formular-Entwicklung und Metrik." 7th Attika-Course. German Archaeological Institute. Athens, Greece. April 1997.

Languages

Ancient: Greek, Latin

Modern: German (native); English (fluent); Spanish (proficient); French, Italian (reading knowledge)

Awards

2005 Membership Academia Platonica Septima
2004-2009 Research at the Fondation Hardt pour les études classiques, Geneva, Switzerland
2001-2003 Feodor Lynen-Research Fellowship, Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation
1998 Doctoral Dissertation Award, University of Münster, Germany

Professional Memberships

Academia Platonica Septima Monasteriensis
American Catholic Philosophical Association
American Philosophical Association
International Plato Society
International Society for Neoplatonic Studies

Professional Service

2007-present Board of Directors, American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation
2004-present Member (since 2011 chair) of the Selection Committee for the Calder Fellowship of
 the Alexander von Humboldt-Foundation
2008-2014 Secretary and member of Executive Committee, American Friends of the Alexander
 von Humboldt-Foundation
2004-present Referee for various academic journals and presses