

This conference stems from a collaboration between British and French teams and aims at investigating the dynamic relations between the concepts of essence, power and activity structuring Ancient thought, via the organisation of two international meetings, the other to take place in March 2016 in Paris. Starting with Plato and Aristotle, it further investigates conceptual developments in the fields of metaphysics and theology, until the wake of the Christian era.

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Tuesday 8th September

- 15.30-17.00 **David SEDLEY (University of Cambridge)**
“The Metaphysics of the *Phaedo*”
(provisional topic)
Discussant: Anna Marmodoro
Chair: Riccardo Chiaradonna
- 17.00-17.30 Coffee/tea break
- 17.30-19.00 **Maria-Michela SASSI (Università di Pisa)**
“Ancient Reflections on the Power of Colour of Being Perceived”
Discussant: Anna Marmodoro
Chair: Naoya Iwata
- 19.30 Dinner

Wednesday 9th September

- 13.00-14.30 Lunch
- 14.30-16.00 **Riccardo CHIARADONNA**
(Università di Roma Tre)
“Essence, Being, and Activity in Early Neoplatonism: The *Anonymous Commentary on Plato’s Parmenides*”
Discussant: Adrien Lecerf
Chair: Philippe Hoffmann
- 16.00-16.30 Coffee/tea break
- 16.30-18.00 **Mark EDWARDS (University of Oxford)**
“*Dunamis* in Christian Theology of the Fourth Century”
Discussant: Eirini-Foteini Viltanioti
Chair: Anna Marmodoro
- 19.30 Dinner

Wednesday 9th September

- 9.30-11.00 **Jan OPSOMER (KU Leuven)**
“Essence, Power, and Activity in Proclus’ Philosophy of Nature”
Discussant: Philippe Hoffmann
Chair: Eirini-Foteini Viltanioti
- 11.00-11.30 Coffee/tea break
- 11.30-13.00 **Laurent LAVAUD (Université Paris-I)**
“What is the Difference Between *Energeia* and *Kinesis*? A Neoplatonic Controversy”
Discussant: Ghislain Casas
Chair: Tamer Nawar