



# Φύσις καὶ Φυτὰ

## Phusis kai Phuta I: On Nature and Plants in Early Greek Thought

18th-19th June 2019

University of Chicago – Center in Paris, 6 rue Thomas Mann  
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### **18 June**

Yuen room, University of Chicago – Center in Paris, 6 rue Thomas Mann

#### **Morning**

*Session 1: Empedocles panel (I)*

9h45 welcome coffee

10h10 A. Macé (Franche-Comté): “The growth of Hesiod's Roots – Empedocles’ Vegetal Metaphysics”

11h20 M. Herner (Munich): “‘If the Elements Are Roots, Are We Plants?’ The ‘Metaphysics of Life’ in Empedocles’ Physical Theory”

12h20 lunch

#### **Afternoon**

*Session 2: Empedocles panel (II)*

14h00 C. Ferella (Mainz): “Empedocles and the Birth of Plants and Trees: Reconstructing PStrasb. gr. inv. 1665-6 end. d-f 10b-18”

15h10 coffee break

15h30 L. Wash (Chicago): “Between Demiurgic Love and Random Growth: Image and Concept in Empedocles”

16h40 J.-C. Picot (Centre Léon Robin): Empedocles wrap-up and general discussion

18h fin

### **19 June**

Salle Vasari, INHA, 2 rue Vivienne.

#### **Morning**

*Keynote address*

9h30 G. Heinemann (Kassel): “Physis: A Dualism of Accounts and Some More Imagery”

11h00 coffee-break

*Session 3: Pre-Theophrastean botanical models (I)*

11h30 C. Zatta (Siena) – “Plants' Physiology and Life from the Presocratics to Aristotle”

12h40 lunch

#### **Afternoon**

*Session 4: Pre-Theophrastean botanical models (II)*

14h Anne Laure Therme (Independent): “Les animaux sont-ils des plantes ou les plantes des animaux ? Modèles végétaux dans les zoogonies présocratiques”

15h10 A. Buccheri (HaStec, CJP): “*Phuo, thallō, anthos*: What Can Lexicography Teach Us About Pre-Theophrastean Botanical Models?”

16h10 Concluding comments by J. Strauss Clay (Virginia) and general discussion.