



IRONY AND DEMOCRACY

in classical antiquity
and modernity

23rd and 24th of May 2022

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Conference program

23.5.2022

The classical irony discourse I: Socrates

9:30 Clifford Orwin:
*Does Thrasymachus play the city?
The critique of irony and popular
resentment of philosophy*

10:15 John Lombardini:
Aristophanes' Un-Ironic Socrates

Coffee break

11:30 Francesco Mari:
*Angry at Socrates. Politeness
and Irony in Plato*

12:15 Tobias Joho:
*Tragic Irony in the Democratic
Court: On Plato's Apology*

1 pm Lunch

The modern irony discourse

14:30 Elizabeth Markovits:
*The Power of Shamelessness:
Irony and Demagoguery in
Contemporary US Discourse*

15:15 Hans-Martin Schön-
herr-Mann: „Die Wahrheit zum
Lachen bringen“ (Eco)! Oder ist
die Ironie in der Krise?

Coffee break

16:30 Walter Reese-Schäfer:
*Warum Ironie nicht verstanden
wird - erläutert an fünf Fällen.*

17:15 Anna Schober:
*Visual irony, ambivalence and
polarization. The body and the
public sphere in the transmedia
works of Nilbar Güreş*

7 pm conference dinner at Taverna Avli,
Luisenstraße 14, 44787 Bochum

24.5.2022

**The classical irony discourse II:
Beyond Socrates**

9:30 Jonas Grethlein:
Gorgianic Irony

10:15 Carlotta Voß:
*Discovering the political. Thucy-
dides, irony, and democracy*

Coffee break

11:30 Christian Wendt:
*Ironische Portraits politischer
Größen bei Herodot*

12:15 Pascal Matheus:
*Herodotus and the Limits of
Power – Irony in the Histories*

1 pm Lunch

14:30-15:30 Round Table
Discussion (Oliver Schelske)