

The legacy of fundamental structures in Plato's *Timaeus* for Medieval and  
Renaissance Europe

The Miners' Hall, 8 Flass Street, Durham DH1 4BB

**Wednesday 14 March:**

1.30-2.00 Arrival and registration

2.00-2.30 INTRODUCTION: Edmund Thomas (Durham)

2.30-3.40 PAPER 1 Federico Petrucci (Durham), "Why the *Timaeus*? The  
Philosophical Reasons for the Priority of the *Timaeus* in Middle Platonist Exegesis"  
RESPONDENT: Sarah Broadie (St Andrews)

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Tea and coffee 3.40-4.10

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4.10-5.20 PAPER 2 Sarah Byers (Boston), "The concept of matter-as-such in the  
Neoplatonism of Marius Victorinus" [by SKYPE]  
RESPONDENT: Phillip Horky (Durham)

5.20-6.30 PAPER 3 Gijbert Jonkers (Zwolle), "From disorder to order, Plato's  
*Timaeus* and Proclus' *Commentary*"  
RESPONDENT: George Boys-Stones (Durham)

Drinks and buffet supper 6.45-8.00

**Thursday 15 March:**

9.10-10.20 PAPER 4 Nancy Van Deusen (Claremont Graduate University), "What is  
it that we want to know?' Plato's *Timaeus*, with Chalcidius' Commentary, on the  
Topics of Understanding Motion through Sight and Sound"  
RESPONDENT: Jacomien Prins (Warwick)

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10.20-11.30 PAPER 5 Jacomien Prins (Utrecht), "Not for Irrational Pleasure': Music  
in Marsilio Ficino's *Timaeus* Commentary"  
RESPONDENT: Hector Sequera-Mora (Durham)

Tea and Coffee 11.30-11.50

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11.50-1.00 PAPER 6 John Hendrix (Roger Williams University, Rhode Island), "The  
*Timaeus* and Durham Cathedral"  
RESPONDENT: Michael Chapman (Newcastle, NSW)

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Lunch 1.00-2.00

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2.15-3.45 Cathedral tour: Contributions by John Hendrix, Edmund Thomas, and others

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Tea and coffee 4.00-4.30

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4.30-5.40 PAPER 7 Guy Claessens (Leuven), "Saving the phenomena: geometric atomism and the *Timaeus* in the Renaissance"  
RESPONDENT: tba

5.40-6.50 PAPER 8 Andrew Briggs (Oxford): "Curiosity in an age of science" (with lunch)  
RESPONDENT: Peter Vickers (Durham)

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7.00-7.30 Drinks

7.30 -10.00 Conference dinner

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**Friday 16 March:**

9.10-10.20 PAPER 9 Carlos Steel (Leuven), "Ficino and Ambrogio Fiandino explaining Plato's views in the *Timaeus* on the origin of the world"  
RESPONDENT: Stephen Clucas (Birkbeck)

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Tea and coffee 10.20-10.40

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10.40-11.50 PAPER 10 Christian Frost (Birmingham), "The *Timaeus*, Movement, Medieval Architecture, and the City"  
RESPONDENT: Kimberley Skelton (St Andrews)

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11.50-13.00 PAPER 11 Nicholas Temple (Huddersfield), “The Timaeus, the Trinity and Renaissance Concepts of Architectural Space”  
RESPONDENT: tba

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13.00-13.30 Sandwich lunch

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13.30-14.30 ROUND TABLE

CO-CHAIRS: Sarah Broadie (St Andrews), Edmund Thomas (Durham)

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