

# *Socrates, Alcibiades, and the Divine Lover/Educator*

## *A Research Conference revolving 'round the Platonic Alcibiades I*

Sponsored by the University of Newcastle's **Research Group on Religious and Intellectual Traditions** and **School of Humanities and Social Science**

Held also under the auspices of the **Australasian Society for Ancient Philosophy**

### **Conference Program**

*Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December: Treehouse, University of Newcastle Union*

2.05: welcome

2.20: Harold **Tarrant** (University of Newcastle): 'Improving persons through love alone? Aeschines the Socratic, *Alcibiades I*, *Theages*, and their Hellenistic Legacy'

3.10: Dougal **Blyth** (University of Auckland): 'Socrates and Platonic Models of Philosophical Love'

4.00: tea

4.20: Dimitri **Kepreotes** (Macquarie University), 'From Gadfly to Divine Educator: a literary approach to the Socratic *Alcibiades*'

5.10: Rev. Fergus **King** (University of Newcastle), "'What has Athens to do with Jerusalem?': On the Absence of the erotic in the pupil-teacher relationship in the adoption of Platonism in Judaism and Early Christianity'

6.00: Meeting of the Australasian Society for Ancient Philosophy

*Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December: Treehouse, University of Newcastle Union*

9.00: Coffee

9.30: Yuji **Kurihara** (Tokyo Gakugei University): 'The Place of the *Alcibiades I* in Plato's Early Work'

10.20: Informal Round Table A: 'The *Alcibiades I*, its date, and Fourth Century Politics' (Speakers to include Elizabeth **Baynham** [University of Newcastle])  
[Morning tea to be available from 11.00]

11.25: Brian **Bosworth** (Macquarie University etc.): 'Alcibiades and Aristocratic Values: the Speech at Sparta'

12.15: Lunch

1.45: Victoria **Wohl** (University of Toronto): 'The Eye of the Beloved: *opsis* and *erôs* in Socratic Pedagogy'

3.00: Tea

3.30: Marguerite **Johnson** (University of Newcastle): 'Sappho and Love's Role in Improving the Pupil'

4.20: Rick **Benitez** (University of Sydney): 'Philosophic Parallels between *Alcibiades* and *Laws*'

5.10: Neil **Morpeth** (University of Newcastle): "'War as Initiation": Philosophical and historical explorations in times of war, ancient and modern: Thucydides, Alcibiades and Marc Bloch on "campaign"'

8.00: Conference Dinner: *Bacchus Restaurant*

*Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December: Harbour View Room, Noah's on the Beach Hotel*

9.00: coffee

9.30: Anthony **Hooper** (University of Sydney): 'The Dual Role of the Philosophers: a mutual relationship of becoming-towards-Being'

10.20: Informal Round Table B: 'The Alcibiades I as Platonic Drama' (Speakers to include Rick **Benitez** and Colin **Redmond**)

[Morning tea to be available from 11.15]

11.40: Inna **Semetsky**: 'Socratic Paradox or the Problem of New Knowledge'

12.30: Lunch

2.00: François **Renaud** (Université de Moncton): 'The Divine Sign of Socrates: from the *Alcibiades* to Olympiodorus'

3.15: tea

3.35: Alistair **Blanshard** (University of Sydney): 'The Afterlife of the Socrates-Alcibiades Relationship'

4.25: Matthew **Sharpe** (Deakin University): 'Hunting Plato's *Agalmata*: On One Modern Answer to the Ancient Question of How to Read a Platonic dialogue'

5.15: The Afterlife of the Conference

*Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Leisure in the Hunter Valley: Hills, Rainforests, Wines*