

Wisdom & Contemplation

A Comparative Approach to Perception and Knowledge-
Production in Ancient Conceptions of Sagehood

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Venue	Conference Room on the Basement Floor, Faculty of Letters, Kyoto University		
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Day 1: 2 September 2025

09:30	09:35	Opening Remarks	Yasuo Deguchi
09:35	10:35	Epicurus on Theôria	Solmeng-Jonas Hirschi
10:35	10:40	5min break	
10:40	11:40	How Wisdom Makes Us Free: Stoic and Platonic Perspectives	Tomohiko Kondo
11:40	13:00	Lunch	
13:00	14:00	Eyes that See, Eyes that Make Visible: Sages, Pseudo-sages and Human Agency in the Xici 繫辭 and the Zhuangzi 莊子	Flaminia Pischedda
14:00	14:10	Short Break	
14:10	15:10	The Three Kinds of Wisdom Inherited in the Vedas, the Ancient Religious Texts of India	Kyoko Amano
15:10	15:30	Coffee Break	
15:30	16:30	Aristotle on Why a Life of Contemplation is a Happy Life	George Karamanolis
16:30	16:40	Short Break	
16:40	17:40	We-turn and Aristotle	Yasuo Deguchi
17:40	17:45	Day 1 closing remarks	
18:00		Symposium Dinner	

Day 2: 3 September 2025

09:30	10:30	How Easily Can One Attain Ultimate Happiness? Monk Scholars of Pure Land Buddhism, Who Sought to Break away from the Orthodox Framework of Wisdom and Contemplation	Seiji Kumagai
10:30	10:40	10 min Break	
10:40	11:40	Wisdom and Mystical Knowledge in Iamblichus	Andreea-Maria Lemnaru Espuna
11:40	13:00	Lunch Break	
13:00	14:00	Plato on Definition and Systematisation of Technê	Atsushi Hayase
14:00	14:10	Closing Remarks	George Karamanolis



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