

SESSION ONE

FIRST PHILOSOPHY: MYTH, FLUX, AND DIALOGUE

READING

Essential reading

- C.C.W. Taylor (ed.), *From the Beginning to Plato: Routledge History of Philosophy*, Vol. 1 (London & New York: Routledge, 2003), chs. 2 and 3.
(E-book copy available online via UWTSD's electronic resources.)

- Karl R. Popper, 'Back to the Presocratics', in Popper's *The World of Parmenides: Essays on the Presocratic Enlightenment* (Abington: Oxon; and New York: Routledge, 2012). This paper relates the thought and histories of Anaximander, Xenophanes, Heraclitus and Parmenides. (Available as an e-book, via UWTSD electronic resources, or see scanned text.)

- Edward Hussey, 'Pythagoreans and Eleatics', in *From the Beginning to Plato, Routledge History of Philosophy*, Vol. I, ed. C.C.W. Taylor (London and New York: Routledge, 2003), ch.4. (Accessible online – see above.)

Recommended reading

- G.E.L. Owen, 'Eleatic Questions', *The Classical Quarterly*, Vol.10, No.1, May 1960, pp.84-102. (Accessible online.)

Further reading

- 'The Meaning of Words: Plato, *Cratylus**, in John Cottingham (ed.), *Western Philosophy: An Anthology*, second edn. (Oxford: Blackwell, 2008). [* Plato, *Cratylus*, 383a-391b, trans. B. Jowett, in *The Dialogues of Plato* (Oxford: Clarendon, 1982); with minor modifications.] (See scanned text.)

The following books are also useful:

- Anthony Gottlieb, *The Dream of Reason* (London: Penguin Books, 2001).

- Charles Kahn, *The Art and Thought of Heraclitus* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1987).

- G.S. Kirk, *Heraclitus: The Cosmic Fragments* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010).

- G.S. Kirk, J.E. Raven, & M. Schofield (eds.), *The Presocratic Philosophers*, second edn. (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1983).

- Richard D. McKirahan, *Philosophy before Socrates* (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett Publishing Company, Inc., 1994).