

Ancient Epistemology

Major and minor lists will be specified from the following (with supplementation where suitable). A major list will normally cover all of Plato, Aristotle and the Hellenistic schools. A minor list will normally cover *either* Plato and Aristotle *or* one of Plato or Aristotle together with the Hellenistic schools.

Plato

Primary sources (all from Cooper (ed), *Plato, Complete Works*)

Ion

Laches

Meno

Phaedo

Republic 5-7, 10

Theaetetus

Sophist

and portions relevant to epistemology from

Gorgias, Symposium, Phaedrus, Statesman, Timaeus

Secondary sources:

Peter Geach, 'Plato's *Euthyphro*: an analysis and commentary,' *The Monist* 50 (1966), pp 369-82.

Paul Woodruff, 'Plato's early theory of knowledge,' in S. Everson (ed), *Epistemology*, Cambridge 1990

Gregory Vlastos, 'The Socratic Elenchus,' in G. Fine (ed), *Plato I*, Oxford 1999

Julia Annas *An Introduction to Plato's Republic* chapter 8-11. Oxford 1981

Gail Fine, 'Knowledge and Belief in *Republic* 5-7,' in G. Fine (ed), *Plato I*, Oxford 1999

Myles Burnyeat, 'Knowledge is Perception: *Theaetetus* 151d – 184a' in G. Fine (ed), *Plato I*, Oxford 1999

Michael Frede, 'Observations on Perception in Plato's Later Dialogues,' in G. Fine (ed), *Plato I*, Oxford 1999

G. Fine, 'Plato's Refutation of Protagoras in the *Theaetetus*,' in G. Fine, *Plato on Knowledge and Forms*, Oxford 2003

Aristotle

Primary sources:

Posterior Analytics
Nicomachean Ethics book 6

Secondary sources:

[optionally: Robin Smith, translation and commentary on the *Prior Analytics*, Hackett 1989.]

G.E.L. Owen, 'Tithenai ta phainomena,' in G.E.L.Owen, *Logic, Science and Dialectic*, Cornell 1986.

C.C.W. Taylor, 'Aristotle's epistemology,' in S. Everson (ed), *Epistemology*, Cambridge 1990

Myles Burnyeat, 'Aristotle on understanding knowledge,' in Enrico Berti (ed), *Aristotle on Science: the Posterior Analytics*, Padua, Edizioni Antenori, 1981

Charles Kahn, 'The Role of *Nous* in the Cognition of First Principles in *Posterior Analytics* II 19,' in Enrico Berti (ed), *Aristotle on Science: the Posterior Analytics*, Padua, Edizioni Antenori, 1981

Jonathan Barnes, 'An Aristotelian Way with Scepticism,' in Mohan Matthen (ed), *Aristotle Today*, Edmonton, *Apeiron* special issue 1987

Marguerite Deslauriers, 'Plato and Aristotle on Division and Definition,' *Ancient Philosophy* Fall 1990.

Myles Burnyeat, 'The Origins of Non-Deductive Inference,' in J. Barnes et al (eds), *Science and Speculation*, Cambridge 1982

James Allen, 'Aristotle,' Study 1 in *Inference from Signs: ancient debates about the nature of evidence*, Oxford 2001.

Hellenistic Philosophy

Primary sources:

Relevant passages in Long and Sedley, *The Hellenistic Philosophers* (Cambridge 1987) and Inwood and Gerson (Hackett 1997, 2nd edition) *Hellenistic Philosophy*

Sextus Empiricus *Adversus Mathematicos* VII and VIII, translated by Richard Bett, Cambridge 2005.

Secondary sources:

Cyrenaics:

Voula Tsouna, *The Epistemology of the Cyrenaic School*, Cambridge 1998

Epicureans:

Elizabeth Asmis, *Epicurus' Scientific Method*, parts 1-3, Cornell 1984

Gisela Striker, 'Epicurus on the truth of sense-impressions,' in G. Striker, *Essays on Hellenistic Epistemology and Ethics*, Cambridge 1996

Stephen Everson, 'Epicurus on the truth of the senses,' in S. Everson (ed), *Epistemology*, Cambridge 1990

Jonathan Barnes, 'Epicurean Signs,' in J. Annas and R. Grimm (eds), *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* Supplementary vol 1988.

James Allen, Study IV, 'Epicurean Sign-Inference in Philodemus,' in *Inference from Signs: ancient debates about the nature of evidence*, Oxford 2001.

Stoics:

Susanne Bobzien, 'Stoic logic,' in Brad Inwood (ed), *The Cambridge Companion to the Stoics*, Cambridge 2003

Gisela Striker, 'Kriterion tes aletheias,' in G.Striker, *Essays in Hellenistic Epistemology and Ethics*, Cambridge 1996

Michael Frede, 'Stoics and Sceptics on Clear and Distinct Impressions,' in M Frede (ed), *Essays in Ancient Philosophy*, Oxford 1987

Julia Annas, 'Stoic epistemology,' in S. Everson (ed), *Epistemology*, Cambridge 1990

Constance Meinwald, 'Ignorance and Opinion in Stoic Epistemology,' *Phronesis* 2005.

James Allen, Study III, 'The Stoics on Sign-inference and Demonstration,' in *Inference from Signs: ancient debates about the nature of evidence*, Oxford 2001.

Sceptics:

Myles Burnyeat, 'Can the Sceptic Live his Scepticism?' and 'The Sceptic in his Place and Time;'

Michael Frede, 'The Sceptic's Beliefs' and 'The Sceptic's two kinds of assent and the question of the possibility of knowledge,'

Jonathan Barnes, 'The Beliefs of a Pyrrhonist,'

-all in M. Burnyeat and M. Frede (eds), *The Original Sceptics*, Hackett 1997

Jonathan Barnes, 'Some Ways of Scepticism,' in S. Everson (ed), *Epistemology*, Cambridge 1990

Gisela Striker, 'On the Differences between Academic and Pyrrhonian Scepticism,' in G. Striker, *Essays in Hellenistic Epistemology and Ethics*, Cambridge 1996

James Allen, Study II, 'Rationalism, Empiricism and Scepticism: Sextus Empiricus' Treatment of Sign-Inference' in *Inference from Signs: ancient debates about the nature of evidence*, Oxford 2001

Ancient epistemology and later philosophy:

Myles Burnyeat, 'Idealism in Greek Philosophy,' *Philosophical Review* 1982

Gail Fine, 'Sextus and External World Scepticism,' *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 2003

Gail Fine, 'Subjectivity, ancient and modern: the Cyrenaics, Sextus and Descartes,' in J. Miller and B. Inwood (eds), *Hellenistic and Early Modern Philosophy*

Ancient Social and Political Philosophy Reading List

GENERAL

Christopher Rowe and Malcolm Schofield (eds.) *The Cambridge History of Political Thought*, Cambridge, 2000

PRE-PLATONIC

Michael Gagarin and Paul Woodruff (eds.), *Early Greek Political Thought from Homer to the Sophists*, Cambridge, 1995

PLATO

A. Primary Texts

Apology

Crito

Republic

Statesman

Laws

B. Secondary Sources

Gail Fine (ed.), *Plato 2: Ethics, Politics, Religion and the Soul*, Oxford 1999.

Rachana Kamtekar (ed.) *Plato's Euthyphro, Apology, and Crito: Critical Essays*, Rowman and Littlefield, 2004 (pieces by de Strycker and Slings, Irwin, Burnyeat, Brickhouse and Smith, Kraut, Bostock, Harte)

Lesley Brown, 'How Totalitarian is Plato's *Republic*?' in *Essays on Plato's Republic*, ed. Erik Nis Ostenfeld, Aarhus University Press, 1998.

Rachana Kamtekar, 'Imperfect Virtue,' *Ancient Philosophy* vol. 18, 1998

Rachana Kamtekar 'Social Justice and Happiness in the *Republic*: Plato's Two Principles,' *History of Political Thought* vol. 22 (2001)

John Cooper, 'Plato's *Statesman* and Politics' in *Reason and Emotion*, Princeton, 1999.

Richard Stalley, *An Introduction to Plato's Laws*, Hackett, 1983.

André Laks, 'Legislation and Demiurgy: On the Relationship Between Plato's *Republic* and *Laws*' *Classical Antiquity* 9, 1990.

ARISTOTLE

A. Primary Text

Politics

B. Secondary Sources

David Keyt and Fred Miller (eds), *The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle's Politics*, Cambridge 1991

Fred. D. Miller, Jr. *Nature, Justice and Rights in Aristotle's Politics*, Oxford 1997

Discussion-papers by Annas, Cooper, Kraut, McGrade, and Schofield, and reply by Miller in *Review of Metaphysics* vol. 49 (1996).

HELLENISTIC

A. Primary Texts

Brad Inwood and Lloyd Gerson, *Hellenistic Philosophy* (2nd ed.) Hackett, 1997

B. Secondary Sources

Malcolm Schofield, *The Stoic Idea of the City*, Cambridge 1991

Anthony A. Long, 'Pleasures and Utility: the Virtues of Being Epicurean' in *Aspects de la Philosophie Hellenistique*, ed. H. Flashar and O. Gigon. *Entretiens sur l'antiquite classique*, vol. xxxii, 1986

Andre Laks and Malcolm Schofield (eds.), *Justice and Generosity: Studies in Hellenistic Social and Political Philosophy*, Cambridge, 1995