

BASIC INFORMATION ON SUB-PROJECT

NAME OF PROGRAMME/FUND	Scholarship Fund - Sciex NMS ^{ch}
RESEARCH FIELD AND OTHER RESEARCH FIELDS INVOLVED (if applicable)	Philosophy, Psychology, Educational Science and Religious Sciences
TITLE OF THE SUB-PROJECT	SPCPRE: The Stoics' and Plotinus' concepts of person in relation to their ethics
REGION OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC (according to the location of the home institution)	Prague
GRANT AMOUNT SPENT	95 358,08 CHF
INTERMEDIATE BODY	Swissuniversities
HOME INSTITUTION	Charles University in Prague, Faculty of Arts
HOST INSTITUTION	Université de Fribourg, Département de philosophie
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ABSTRACT OF THE SUB-PROJECT

The project offers a systematic and historical analysis of the Stoics' and Plotinus' concepts of interiority and of their ethical systems. The interest of the analysis lies mainly in the convergence and divergence of the two systems: on the one hand the Stoics and Plotinus take the same stance towards personal well-being and personal excellence (virtue), and even found them, in like manner, on the specific concept of interiority (new in its time in each case) which is in both cases basis for a new concept of person; on the other hand the Stoics eliminate any transcendent principle from their system and their concept of interiority seems to be a substitute for such a principle, whereas Plotinus claims that the concept of interiority may be established only on the kind of self-knowledge which presupposes the existence of a transcendent principle. From the systematic point of view the project

thus aims at putting on the large scale side by side two different models of ethics which appear as two alternative answers to the same question. The comparison is therefore a unique opportunity to examine the meaning of transcendent principle for an ethical system as well as the meaning of certain concept of interiority and of person (founded either as a mere empirical fact in the case of the Stoics or as a transcendentally dependent self-knowledge in the case of Plotinus). As a historical analysis the project offers an occasion to follow the development of Plotinus' position from the Stoics' one, bringing thus to better understanding the arguments of Plotinus. From this point of view the hypothesis will be examined whether the radical concept of self-knowledge, introduced through Plotinus into the Platonic tradition, is not partly a transformation of the Stoic concept of interiority.

<p>MAIN RESULTS</p>	<p>Two articles (currently under revision):</p> <p>„Becoming oneself in Early Stoicism and Plotinus“</p> <p>„Marc-Aurèle : les conditions d’une liberté“</p> <p>(two lectures at the University of Fribourg on the above mentioned subjects, one lecture at the University of Lausanne: „Les passions et des émotions des stoïciens“, one presentation at the international conference (Fribourg University): „Marc-Aurèle et l’ancien stoïcisme: l’état de transition“)</p>
<p>DATE OF REALISATION OF THE FELLOWSHIP</p>	<p>1.9.2011 - 31.8.2012</p>
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