

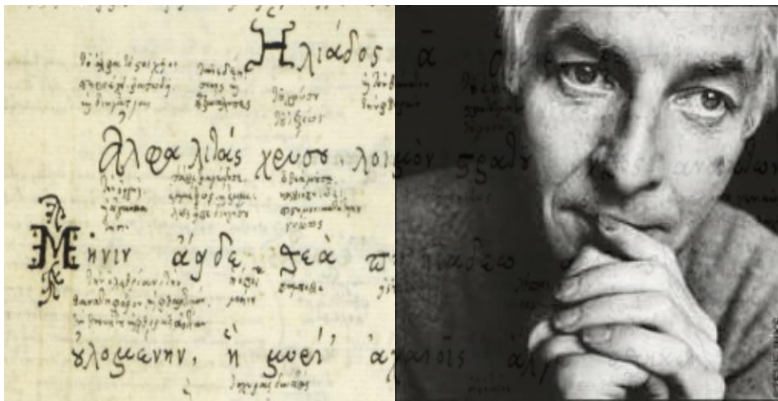


Protagorean Hermeneutics

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We are delighted to invite you to this year's **BSA Michael Frede Memorial Lecture**, in partnership with the **Department of the History & Philosophy of Science, National & Kapodistrian University of Athens**.

Abstract: In this paper I argue that Protagoras' method of poetic interpretation was not eristic. A re-examination of the evidence for his work on the *Iliad* shows that he used technical tools of criticism to build constructive interpretations, as we should expect from the ideas about the educational role of poetry ascribed to him in Plato's *Protagoras*. I argue that we can supplement the direct evidence for the technical tools available to Protagoras by comparing the Platonic parody of his method in *Protagoras* 339-41 and Aristophanes' reworking of sophistic hermeneutics in the battle of the prologues in *Frogs* 1126-96. These results point to a positive interpretation of Protagorean hermeneutics, even if its precise form remains beyond our grasp.

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