

AUTHORS AND AUTHORITIES IN ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY

Ancient Greek and Roman philosophy is often characterised in terms of competitive individuals debating orally with one another in public arenas. But it also developed over its long history a sense in which philosophers might acknowledge some other particular philosopher or group of philosophers as an authority and offer to that authority explicit intellectual allegiance. This is most obvious in the development after the classical period of the philosophical ‘schools’ with agreed founders and, most importantly, canonical founding texts. They also developed a tradition of commentary, interpretation, and discussion of texts which itself became a mode of philosophical debate. As time went on, the weight of a growing tradition of reading and appealing to a certain corpus of foundational texts began to shape how later antiquity viewed its philosophical past and also how philosophical debate and inquiry was conducted. In this book, leading scholars explore aspects of these important developments.

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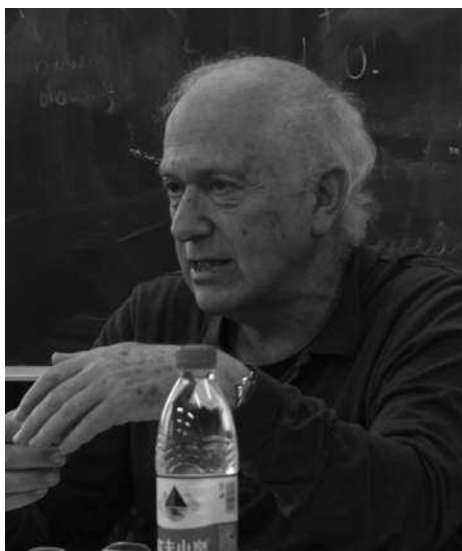


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ABBREVIATIONS

For abbreviations for ancient authors and works see the *Index Locorum*

DK	H. Diels and W. Kranz (1952) <i>Die Fragmente der Vorsokratiker</i> , 6th edn, Berlin
FHSG	William W. Fortenbaugh, Pamela M. Huby, Robert W. Sharples, and Dimitri Gutas (1993) <i>Theophrastus of Eresus. Sources for His Life, Writings, Thought and Influence</i> (2 vols.), Leiden
IG	<i>Inscriptiones graecae</i>
IK	<i>Inschriften griechischer Städte Kleinasiens</i>
LSJ	H. G. Liddell, R. Scott, and H. S. Jones (1925) <i>A Greek-English Lexicon</i> , 9th edn, Oxford
PHerc.	Herculaneum Papyrus
SSR	G. Giannantoni (1990) <i>Socratis et socraticorum reliquiae</i> , Naples
SVF	H. von Arnim (1903–5) <i>Stoicorum ueterum fragmenta</i> , Stuttgart
Us.	H. Usener (1887) <i>Epicurea</i> , Leipzig