

## ANTIOCHUS AND PERIPATETIC ETHICS

This book offers a fresh analysis of the account of Peripatetic ethics in Cicero's *On Ends* 5, which goes back to the first-century BCE philosopher Antiochus of Ascalon. Georgia Tsouni challenges previous characterisations of Antiochus' philosophical project as 'eclectic' and shows how his reconstruction of the ethics of the 'Old Academy' demonstrates a careful attempt to update the ancient heritage, and predominantly the views of Aristotle and the Peripatos, in the light of contemporary Stoic-led debates. This results in both a hermeneutically complex and a philosophically exciting reading of the old tradition. A case in point is the way Antiochus grounds the 'Old Academic' conception of the happy life in natural appropriation (*oikeiōsis*), thus offering a naturalistic version of Aristotelian ethics.

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## ABBREVIATIONS

- ANRW* *Aufstieg und Niedergang der Römischen Welt: Geschichte und Kultur Roms im Spiegel der neueren Forschung.* Ed. H. Temporini and W. Haase. Berlin, 1972–
- DG* *Doxographi Graeci.* Ed. Hermann Diels. Berlin, 1879
- Dörrie *Der Platonismus in der Antike,* Begr. Von H. Dörrie, fortgeführt von M. Baltes unter Mitarbeit von F. Mann Bd. 1–7. Stuttgart, 1987
- FHS&G Theophrastus of Eresus. *Sources for His Life, Writings, Thought and Influence.* Ed. and trans. W.W. Fortenbaugh, P.M. Huby, R.W. Sharples and D. Gutas. 2 vols. Leiden, 1992
- LS A.A. Long and D.N. Sedley, *The Hellenistic Philosophers.* Vol. 1: *Translations of the Principal Sources with Philosophical Commentary.* Volume 2: *Greek and Latin Texts with Notes and Bibliography.* Cambridge, 1987
- LSJ* H.G. Liddell, R. Scott and H.S. Jones, *A Greek-English Lexicon with a Revised Supplement.* Oxford, 1996
- RUSCH Rutgers University Studies in Classical Humanities
- SVF* *Stoicorum Veterum Fragmenta.* Ed. J. von Arnim, vols. 1–3, Stuttgart, 1903–05; vol. 4 (indexes) by M. Adler
- Überweg *Grundriss der Geschichte der Philosophie,* 13th edn, vol. 1–., Ed. H. Flashar et al. Basel and Stuttgart, 1983–

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- Wachsmuth *Ioannis Stobaei Anthologii*. Books 1 and 2 (*Eclogai*), ed. C. Wachsmuth, Berlin, 1884; Books 3 and 4, ed. O. Hense, Berlin, 1894–1909
- Wehrli *Die Schule des Aristoteles*. Texte und Kommentar, Hrsg. von F. Wehrli, 2nd edition, Bände I–X, Basel/Stuttgart, 1967–1969

All Latin citations of Cicero's *De Finibus* follow the text of the OCT edition by Reynolds (1998). Fragments and Testimonia of Antiochus follow Mette's 1986 edition, which is also reproduced in Sedley (ed.), *The Philosophy of Antiochus* (2012b). Translations of original sources, unless otherwise indicated, are mine.

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