

FRIENDS OF PHILOSOPHY

DIALOGUE

Wednesday, April 22, 2009

Learning Center, Room 192

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Philosophy as Way of Life & the Plurality of Happy Lives

According to such ancient philosophers as Plato and Aristotle, the philosophical life is the happiest for human beings. Yet such a claim about the philosophical life is apt to strike us as narrow and biased. We're apt to think that there is no one life happiest for all people, given their various talents, interests, and personal circumstances, but rather a plurality of (potentially equally) happy lives. In this talk, I examine some of these issues and explore the extent to which ancient claims for the exemplary status of the philosophical life are compatible with pluralism about happy lives.



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