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I the undersigned asks to participate in the public selection, for qualifications and examinations, for the awarding of a type B fellowship at **Dipartimento di Filosofia "Piero Martinetti" dell'Università degli Studi di Milano**.

Scientist-in-charge: **Dott.ssa Silvia De Bianchi**.

Jonathan Griffiths

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Surname	Griffiths
Name	Jonathan

PRESENT OCCUPATION

PhD candidate in Department of History and Philosophy of Science, University College London (2017 - present)	<p>The title of my thesis is 'Soul, cosmogony and mathematics in Plato's <i>Timaeus</i> and early Platonism'. In it I examine the nature of the soul's generation and immortality in the <i>Timaeus</i> compared with other Platonic works, and develop a new interpretation of the early Platonists' reaction to the <i>Timaeus</i>' origin-story. Supervised by Prof. Andrew Gregory (primary supervisor) and Dr. Fiona Leigh (secondary supervisor).</p> <p>The thesis consists of 6 chapters, together with Introduction and Conclusion (100,000 words in total). Submission in January 2022. Examination to be conducted by Gábor Betegh (external examiner) and Raphael Woolf (internal examiner).</p>
Guest researcher at Department of Philosophy, Classics, History of Art and History of Ideas, University of Oslo (2020 - present)	<p>Since January 2020, I have been a guest researcher at the University of Oslo, supervised by Prof. Thomas K. Johansen. Besides regular discussions on my PhD work, I attend weekly seminars in Ancient Philosophy (in Norwegian and English) and participate in wider events within the Philosophy community (e.g. public lectures, workshops). I have also co-operated with other Professors who specialise in ancient Platonism (e.g. Eyjolfur Emilsson).</p>



EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Degree	Course of studies	University	year of achievement of the degree
Research status (in preparation for PhD)	Greek, Latin, Philosophy	University of Heidelberg	2015-2017
Master of Studies, Distinction (First Class)	Greek and/or Latin Languages and Literature	University of Oxford	2015
Bachelor of Art, Second Class Division One	Classics (Literae Humaniores)	University of Oxford	2014

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Languages	level of knowledge
English	Native
German	Fluent, spoken and written
French	Written competence only
Classical Greek, Latin	Fluent, written only (Note: Already at school I learned Latin for 8 years and Classical Greek for 6 years before University)
Norwegian	Elementary, spoken and written

AWARDS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Year	Description of award
2017-2021	Postgraduate Scholarship from the James Pantyfedwen Foundation, Aberystwyth, Wales. Award for full PhD funding (3 + 1 years). £17.500. This funding was initially given for study at University College London but extended to include my research stay at the University of Oslo.
2015-2017	Community Foundation in Wales: Higher Education Award. Funding for pre-doctoral research at University of Heidelberg (2 years). £2.000.
2015-2016	Monmouthshire Further Education Trust Fund. Funding for pre-doctoral research at University of Heidelberg. £1.000.
2015-2016	Monmouthshire Welsh Church Fund. Educational bursary for pre-doctoral research at University of Heidelberg. £1.000.
2015-2016	Roger Edwards Educational Trust, Usk, Wales. Scholarship for pre-doctoral research at University of Heidelberg. £1.000.
2015-2016	Thomas Arno Fund. Scholarship awarded for pre-doctoral research at University of Heidelberg. £1.000.
2014-2015	James Pantyfedwen Foundation, Aberystwyth, Wales. Award for full MSt funding (1 year). £9.000.
2012	Evelyn Carr Prize for Classics (awarded for performance in Honours Moderations)
2012	St. Hilda's College Exhibition (awarded for performance in Honours Moderations)



TRAINING OR RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Before beginning my PhD at UCL in September 2017, I was a pre-doctoral researcher in the Department of Classics at the University of Heidelberg for 2 years under the supervision of Prof. Jonas Grethlein (Greek) and Jürgen-Paul Schwindt (Latin). During this time I developed my German, attended seminars in Ancient Philosophy, Greek, and Latin (all in German), and carried out editorial work (proofreading and finding bibliographical sources) for Professors in the Department. In addition, I began researching more keenly within Ancient Philosophy and prepared my PhD project on Plato's *Timaeus*.

Throughout my PhD I have attended Greek reading groups in London (reading Plato's *Laches*, *Ion* and *Charmides*, Aristotle's *Politics* I and *Metaphysics* Lambda) and in Oslo (reading Aristotle's *Categories*, *On Ideas*, and Alcinous' *Didaskalikos*), leading translation and presenting the text for discussion. Currently I am leading the Oslo reading group through the fragments of Aristotle's *On Philosophy*, paying special attention to its Platonic (*Timaeus*) background.

CONGRESSES AND SEMINARS

Date	Title	Place
12.21	' <i>Hysteron proteron</i> : the presentation of the cosmos' soul after the cosmos' body in Plato's <i>Timaeus</i> ', <i>Prolepsis</i> ' 5th International Conference, theme 'Prolepsis' (accepted for presentation).	University of Bari
11.21	'Generation and Geometry in Plato's <i>Timaeus</i> ', Workshop in Ancient Philosophy.	University of Oslo
08.21	'The geometrical foundations of Platonic natural philosophy', Summer Work-In-Progress Seminar, Lyceum Society.	University of London
07.21	'The initial origin-story controversy around Plato's <i>Timaeus</i> ', Summer Work-In-Progress Seminar, Lyceum Society.	University of London
05.21	'Socrates' second voyage in the <i>Phaedo</i> and the <i>Timaeus</i> ', London Centre of Ancient Philosophy Reading Group.	University of London
02.21	"'Not as from time" (<i>oux hōs apo chronou</i>): Generation and Time in Plato's <i>Timaeus</i> ', Internal Workshop for PROTEUS: Paradoxes and Metaphors of Time in Early Universe(s).	University of Milan (online)
07.20	'The early Platonists' reaction to the <i>Timaeus</i> ', Summer Work-In-Progress Seminar, Lyceum Society.	University of London
04.20	'The soul's immortality in Plato's <i>Timaeus</i> , compared with the <i>Phaedo</i> ', London Ancient Science Conference.	University of London
5.19	'Anaxagoras' <i>Nous</i> as a precursor to Plato's cosmic soul', Keeling Graduate Conference in Ancient Philosophy.	University of London



PUBLICATIONS

Articles
Review of A. G. Long, <i>Immortality and Death in Ancient Philosophy</i> , Bryn Mawr Classical Review, 2020.01.19 (https://bmcr.brynmawr.edu/2020/2020.01.19).

OTHER INFORMATION

<p>Academic teaching and expertise in History of Science (esp. History of Cosmology):</p> <p>I have experience as a postgraduate teaching assistant at UCL on two courses: ‘History of Science (From Antiquity to the Enlightenment)’ (first-year BA module, Autumn Term 2018), and ‘Science and Ethics’ (both BA and MA students, Spring Term 2020). The teaching was mainly seminar-based, but I also lectured on ‘Science in the Middle Ages’, ‘Renaissance Science’, and ‘Science in the Enlightenment’. I also prepared reading material for the students, which allowed me to develop research expertise in the History of Science (medieval and early modern periods).</p> <p>Being registered in a Department of History and Philosophy of Science at UCL, I also regularly attend reading groups across a range of subjects in History of Science, Philosophy of Science, and Science and Religion (Autumn Term 2018 - present). In London I was also a regular attendee of the Neoplatonist Studies Reading Group (Warburg Institute), where we read texts by Proclus (<i>Comm. on Timaeus</i>) and Iamblichus (Autumn Term 2017 - Summer Term 2019).</p>
<p>Academic proofreading and editorial work:</p> <p>Besides my own academic studies, I offer professional academic proofreading in English and have proofread many books, PhD dissertations and shorter papers in fields across the Humanities (esp. Ancient Philosophy) and Natural Sciences. Through this work I learned to edit large documents according to a strict deadline, sharpen the language and adopt the style of different research fields whilst comprehending complex information at speed. I have also produced indices and bibliographies for several conference proceedings and textual commentaries for Professors in Oxford and Heidelberg. This activity made me familiar with using Endnote, LaTeX and Microsoft Word to collect references and manage a large bibliographical database.</p> <p>In addition, I am an English-language assistant employed at the University of Heidelberg (Writing Service) since 2016. In this role I lead regular workshops for PhD and post-doctoral researchers in academic English writing and translate texts for the University from German to English.</p>

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