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PROGRAM - JULY 3

9:15	Arrival
9:30-10:00	Introductory Remarks
	Session I – Natural Dynamics and the Human Factor Chair: Christian Wendt
10:00-10:45	Oliver Schelske (Leipzig): Nature and Climate (Change) in Thucydides and Herodotus
10:45-11:00	Coffee Break
11:00-11:45	Bianca Baum (Bochum): The Wind of Change? Natural Events between (Historical) Factor and Movement of Action
11:45-12:30	Hans Kopp (Köln): Challenging Poseidon? “Thalassocracy” as a Transgressive Endeavor in Thucydides’ History
12:30-13:30	Lunch Break
	Session II – The Supernatural and the Individual Chair: Mathis Hartmann (Bochum)
13:30-14:15	Tobias Joho (Bern): Τύχη and τὰ δαιμόνια: The Theology of Pericles in Thucydides’ History
14:15-15:00	Jan Willing (Bochum): The Superstition of Nicias as a Vehicle of Problematisation
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break
15:30-16:15	Clifford Orwin (Toronto): How to Enlist the Supernatural? Archidamus before Plataea (Thucydides 2.74.2)
16:15-17:00	Jano Meyer (Bochum): Brasidas Superhuman – A Thucydidean Model of Spartan Piety?
18:45	Conference Dinner

PROGRAM - JULY 4

	Session III – Echoes of the Unfathomable Chair: Hans Kopp (Köln)
9:30	Arrival
9:45-10:30	Cynthia Bruhn (Kiel/Berlin): What makes Thucydides’ Supplication Scenes Religious?
10:30-11:15	Rachel Bruzzone (Ankara): Karmic Inversions in the Sicilian Expedition
11:15-11:30	Coffee Break
11:30-12:15	Christian Wendt (Bochum): Thucydides’ Allusions to Uncertain Beliefs
12:15-13:15	Lunch Break
	Session IV – Traditions Chair: Jan Willing (Bochum)
13:15-14:00	Neville Morley (Exeter): Godless or Godforsaken? The Reception of Thucydides’ “Atheism”
14:00-14:45	Ryan Balot (Toronto): Nature and Nature’s God in Plato’s Laws
14:45-15:00	Concluding Remarks

