It is now widely recognized that what we tend to describe as Pre-Socratic philosophy was elaborated in an intellectual context where disciplinary borders were either non-existent or at least extremely fluid. What is still lacking is a clear articulation of how best to construct and understand this pre-disciplinary, intellectual context. This conference, "Philosophy in the Making: Early Receptions of and Reactions to Pre-Socratic Thought, Up to Plato", by focusing on early reactions to Pre-Socratic thought, is meant to be a first step in this direction.

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Friday June 7th, 2013

Morning Session

Introduction: Conference Organizers: Chris Bobonich (Stanford, Philosophy), Alan Code, (Stanford, Philosophy), André Laks (University of Paris-Sorbonne, Paris IV, Philosophy).

Session 1: Constantin Macris (Chercheur CNRS): “Before theoria: models of wisdom in the sixth and fifth centuries.”

Afternoon session

Session 2: Gabor Betegh (Professor Central European
University, Philosophy): “Pythagorean, Orphism and Greek Religion.”


Saturday June 8th

Morning Session

Session 4: Barbara Sattler (Yale, Philosophy): “Implicit engagement with atomism in the Timaeus.”

Session 5: Tony Long (Berkeley, Classics): “Heraclitus on Measure and the Explicit Emergence of Rationality.”

Afternoon Session


Session 7: Arnaud Macé (Maître de Conférences en Philosophie à l'Université de Franche-Comté): "The invention of historia peri phusēos, Vth century B. C."