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Invites you to a presentation by:

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“Constantine Vamvacas's: The Founders of Western Thought - The Presocratics” The Story of a Book and Its Translation

The talk explores the unique achievement of Dr. Vamvacas's study, arising from his extensive knowledge of history, science, human aspiration, the canon of Presocratic works, and their relationship to significant trends of thought in our time. His sub-title pinpoints the "diachronic parallelism between Presocratic Thought and Philosophy and the Natural Sciences."

The author brought to the task of composing his book great sensitivity to ideas; a powerful linguistic talent in ancient and Modern Greek, English, and German; a rare command of Presocratic science, philosophy, and cosmology; and a writing style of great depth, grace, and clarity. His organizational powers are immense, producing a text that is enticing, extensively informative, orderly, and articulate. The opportunity to render the work in English was, then, a translator's delight, given its intellectual complexity and stylistic beauty, both in regard to the thinkers themselves and Dr. Vamvacas's analysis.

The lecture will be in English. Reception will follow



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