The Stoics on Freedom and Determinism
Phil-110C/210C; Winter 2015, Alan Code instructor

We will investigate ancient Stoic conceptions of causality and freedom, their argument for causal determinism, and ancient attacks on and defenses of compatibilism. All readings are from DFSP (available online through Stanford Library): Susanne Bobzien, Determinism and Freedom in Stoic Philosophy (Oxford, 1998).

1) Jan. 6,8. The Stoic conception of causality.
   [DFSP 1.1]
2) Jan. 13,15. Chrysippus On Nature; what is causal determinism?
   [DFSP 1.2., 1.3]
3) Jan. 20,22. The Fate Principle and causal determinism.
4) Jan. 27,29. Bivalence and causal determinism.
   [DFSP 2.1]  First paper due Jan. 29.
   [DFSP 2.2]
6) Feb. 10, 12. Modal Logic and determinism.
   [DFSP 3]
8) Feb. 24, 26. The Idle Argument; fate, action and motivation.
   [DFSP 6]
10) March 10, 12. Freedom and what depends on us.
    [DFSP 7]

TERM PAPER DUE DURING EXAM PERIOD MARCH 16-20, THE SOONER THE BETTER, BUT NO LATER THAN MARCH 20.

Requirements for 110C: Two 4-5 page papers (due Jan.29 and Feb. 26), and an 8-12 page term paper (due end of exam period).

Requirements for 210C: One class presentation, and term paper (due end of exam period).