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Panel 4: Continuity and Change in Late Antiquity

Title: **Perspectives on Thales in Late Antiquity**

Abstract

My paper is based on the new edition of testimonies about Thales of Miletus in the Greek, Latin and Arabic tradition of the series "Traditio Praesocratica. Textual evidence on early Greek philosophy and its continuation." I will present some testimonies about Thales from different authors. By analysing these testimonies I will pay attention to the attributes ascribed to Thales in the different contexts and in particular to the diverse interests, strategies and methods of the authors who refer to Thales. One main interest consists in a comparison between the perspectives on Thales of a number of Christian authors with those of some Non-Christian authors as the Aristotelian commentators.