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Panel 14: Literature of Knowledge

*In the Workshop of a Lexicographer:
The Compositional Methodology of the Lexicon of Timaeus Sophista*

The *Lexicon Platonicum* of Timaeus Sophista is an important *specimen* of the ancient glossaries to Plato, which is known as a whole only through an epitome. Nevertheless, the dedicatory epistle is preserved, a short but very important text, which enables us to investigate the method used by Timaeus in selecting his material and compiling his work (he says that he choosed τὰ παρὰ τῷ φιλοσόφῳ γλωσσηματικῶς ἢ κατὰ συνήθειαν Ἀττικὴν εἰρημένα). Understanding the exact meaning of such different categories will allow us to investigate Timaeus' sources, which can be identified as some Atticist works (like Phrynichus', Aelius Dionisius' and Pausanias') and the ancient commentaries now lost.