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The Cosmopolis

Concord and Harmony In Ancient Philosophy & Modern Science

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The Stoics argued that all people share a spark of rationality (*logos*), making us brothers and sisters and citizens of a universal *cosmopolis* or world-city—literally, “the city of the cosmos.” Because of this innate connection between human beings, they maintained that ethical behavior toward others is a natural human inclination. However, the idea of the cosmopolis was not exclusive to the Stoics. This presentation will examine its key components—what is necessary to create a cosmopolis in the first place—and how the concept evolved over time. We will also explore ideas of harmony in modern science, particularly in the evolution of the biosphere. Recent scientific discoveries reveal how concord and harmony manifest in nature, not only among living organisms but also in their relationship with the Earth’s atmosphere.



David Fideler holds a PhD in philosophy and the history of science. An author of several books and many published articles, his book on the Stoic philosopher Seneca has been translated into more than 15 languages. He also edits the *Living Ideas Journal*. Originally from the United States, he now lives in Europe.
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