

Barlaam of Seminara on Stoic Ethics

Text, Translation, and Interpretative Essays

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DESCRIPTION:

This volume contains the first critical edition and translation of Barlaam of Seminara's fourteenth century treatise *Ethics According to the Stoics*, along with a series of interpretative essays explaining its content and context. Barlaam's text is the earliest interpretative work written on Stoic ethics, a product of the burgeoning Italian Renaissance but also drawing on Barlaam's experience in the Byzantine intellectual world of Constantinople. Intriguingly, it offers a radically different account of the Stoic theory of emotions to the one known from other sources, possibly taken from sources accessible to Barlaam but now lost. The volume includes interpretative essays on each of the two books of Barlaam's treatise, along with a biographical introduction and an essay setting out the wider context of the reception of Stoicism in the Middle Ages and early Renaissance.

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