

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD 6 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023  
FOR  
KNAPP FOUNDATION CIO

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## KNAPP FOUNDATION CIO

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE PERIOD 6 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 6 September 2022 to 31 December 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The Knapp Foundation was created in memory of Dr Ferdinand Knapp, who died in 2014. Dr Knapp was a German citizen with Austrian roots who studied at Heidelberg, Edinburgh and Cambridge and became a banker in the United Kingdom. He was a gifted linguist with a love of German, French and English literature and of the European intellectual tradition from its origins in antiquity to the present day.

The Foundation exists to promote the exploration and understanding of that tradition, including its political and religious elements and their challengers, its current relevance, and its possible future. The Foundation funds scholars of European intellectual and social history to carry out philosophical, historical, and archival study, particularly in universities and higher places of learning.

The Foundation was established as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in September 2022, Charity Number 1200294. Its charitable objects are: The advancement of education for the benefit of the public through the provision of scholarships and bursaries and other similar support for post-graduate education and research and the useful dissemination of such research to the public.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Objectives and aims

#### **The Charity's mission is:**

The support of high-quality scholarship on the European intellectual tradition and its relevance for the present day. We fund scholars of European intellectual and social history who are capable of making original contributions in their fields, but who have failed to gain financial support through other means. The Foundation makes grants to individuals and sponsors or undertakes original research.

#### **Our Vision:**

The Knapp Foundation supports scholars pursuing academic endeavour at the highest level. We promote research into European Intellectual and social history, broadly interpreted, from its roots in classical (Greek and Roman) antiquity to the present day. We do this through philosophical, historical, and archival research, fully acknowledging the political and religious traditions and their challengers within that history. We support study, research publication and the practices that sustain those endeavours which might otherwise fail to find financial support. We seek to open paths for fundamental enquiries into truth, across the centuries, especially in universities and higher places of learning.

## OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

### Significant activities

The period covered by this report began with the incorporation of the Foundation as a CIO and the establishment of its organisational structure and governance. In line with Charity Commission guidance, the trustees agreed a set of policies as a framework for the Foundation's work. These can be found on the Foundation's website.

The Foundation is pursuing its charitable objectives in four main areas of work:

The Origins of Contemporary Thought  
Geographies and Histories of the West  
History and Historicity  
Technocracy and Modernity

Each of these research streams is split into specific projects.

During the period covered by the report, our work on The Origins of Contemporary Thought included new scholarship on Martin Heidegger's work connecting ancient philosophy, and in particular the work of Parmenides, Anaximander and Heraclitus, with contemporary thinking. The Heidegger and Classical Thought project has included a successful and highly engaging weekly virtual (now in its fourth year) seminar bringing together some of the leading experts on Martin Heidegger's philosophy from around the world in philosophy and in classical philology, led by Professor Laurence Hemming and Dr Aaron Turner, working in English, German and Ancient Greek.

On April 10th 2024, Dr Lasha Kharazi successfully organised a conference for the Heidegger and Classical Thought project on The Leap into the Inception, which brought an international array of scholars together to consider some under-discussed but centrally important works from the 1930s. Another project within this research stream led by Dr Turner and Prof. Hemming has been examining the History of Place in Western Philosophy.

The Foundation has also been supporting the establishment of the Falsafa Project on The Intellectual History of Islam in Europe within the research stream on Geographies and Histories of the West, led by Professor Nader El-Bizri. This important project is examining the relationship between Islam and Western Theology and Philosophy and the widely accepted narrative that Islam can be conceived as an "outside" to the West. This work will begin with an international colloquium on the 10th May 2024.

Within the area of research on History and Historicity, Dr Aaron Turner has continued to lead a project on the The Essence of History which is supported by the Foundation. Dr Turner successfully organised a research seminar series in Spring 2022 on The Essence of History and an international conference on Wilhelm Dilthey and Historical Consciousness in November 2023.

Initiatives which supported our Technocracy and Modernity research stream include the International Research Network on Critical Theory and Conservative Thought led by Dr David McGrogan, which began with an international conference in January 2024, and is developing discussion in the areas of "democracy and tyranny", philosophical, legal and regulatory issues around the digitisation of currencies and payments, and competing conceptions of human rights and civil liberties. Further initiatives will look at the impact of AI within the history of what has loosely been called 'Cybernetics'.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

### Financial position

The period covered by this report saw the provision of start-up funds by a number of generous donors, allowing the Foundation to establish itself and begin work in a number of key areas, as set out in this report and on our website. The fund-raising committee met on a number of occasions to discuss costs and plan future fund-raising activities.

## FUTURE PLANS

We have planned an ambitious programme of future work, including for example further research and publications, on the intellectual history of Islam in Europe. This project will be formally launched on 10 May 2024 with a conference organised by Prof. El-Bizri and will be followed by a further conference in Cambridge in the Autumn of 2024.

As part of the Origins of Contemporary Thought research stream, Dr Turner will be organising a colloquium on Hölderlin's Hellenism in Autumn 2024. The aim of this colloquium is to enquire into the ground of the relation between Hölderlin's obscurity in the 19th Century and his revival in the first decades of the 20th Century in the context of the Hellenism that lies at the heart of his work. In both instances, the question of the spirit of Germany (and, to some extent, the West) was brought into relief against the ever-lingering shadow of Ancient Greece.

Within the Essence of History project, Dr Turner will organise a major international conference on *Altertumswissenschaft* and Historicism in London in February 2025. This conference brings leading experts in classics, history, and philosophy to discuss the deeply collaborative relationship between classical and historical studies in the late 18th/early 19th Centuries which, today, has all but ceased to exist.

We also intend to expand our fundraising to include an online donation and subscription facility to ensure as diverse a range of funders as possible, including private individuals, private enterprises, public trusts and charitable bodies, and other funding bodies. We aim to promote our public profile and online presence and exposure through a series of quarterly newsletters and regular interviews with the Fellows and other leading academics associated with the Foundation and our projects, as well as targeted interviews to be published in specifically selected publications to broaden the reach and application of our on-going research to contemporary issue.

## Publications

Across the research streams, several publications are now either in print or contracted. For the Heidegger and Classical Thought project, Dr Turner is editing a volume on Heidegger and Classical Thought for SUNY Press which will be published in September 2024. Prof. Hemming and Dr Turner are editing a volume on Heidegger and Parmenides which will be published by Rowman & Littlefield in early 2025. Together they are also translating Heidegger's 1942 (undelivered) lectures on Anaximander for Polity, which is scheduled for publication in 2026.

For The Essence of History project, Dr Turner edited a volume on Reconciling Ancient and Modern Philosophies of History in 2020 and will publish an edited volume on The Essence of History with Routledge in 2025. Dr Turner is also editing a volume on Parmenides, Plato, and the Crisis of Sophistry for De Gruyter in 2025.

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#### STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a CIO.

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

New trustees are required to have a sound basic knowledge of the aims, objectives and working practices of the Foundation. In the event of any further induction being necessary it is provided by one of the Officers or another appropriate member of the Board.

##### **Organisational structure**

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Trustees. The current trustees are: Professor Laurence Hemming (Chair); Dr Stephen Richard Sklaroff (Hon. Secretary); Dr Ian Cole; and Mrs Elizabeth Dalby. An executive committee (also chaired by Professor Hemming) deals with matters arising between trustee meetings, and the Board is also supported by committees dealing with fund-raising (chaired by Dr Sklaroff) and remuneration (chaired by Professor Hemming). The Board and its committees are supported by the Foundation's Administrator, Arnaud de Volder.

The Foundation's activities and research are supported by its Fellows, currently including: Professor Laurence Hemming (Senior Research Fellow; Director of the Knapp Foundation and Honorary Professor, Lancaster University), Professor Nader El-Bizri (Senior Research Fellow; Dean of the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, University of Sharjah), Dr. Aaron Turner (Knapp Fellow; Research Associate, Department of Classics, Royal Holloway, University of London), Dr David McGrogan (Fellow; Associate Professor, Northumbria Law School, Northumbria University, Newcastle), Dr Lasha Karazai (Fellow; Associate Professor, Georgian-American University, Tbilisi), Dr. Stephen Sklaroff (Fellow; Honorary Secretary), and Arnaud de Volder (Fellow; Administrator).

Foundation funding is allocated to specific research projects by an Academic Advisory Board, whose current members are: Prof. Robert Eaglestone, Professor of Contemporary Literature and Thought in the Department of English, Royal Holloway, University of London; Prof. Jeff Malpas, Fellow, Australian Academy of Humanities, Emeritus Distinguished Professor, University of Tasmania, and Honorary Professor, University of Queensland; Prof. Alberto Moreiras, Professor of Hispanic Studies, Texas A&M University; Prof. William Rasch, Professor Emeritus, Department of Germanic Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington; Prof. Kathrin Rosenfield, Professor of Philosophy, Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre; and Rev'd Mgr. Dr. Andrew Wadsworth, Executive Director at the International Commission on English in the Liturgy, Washington DC.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

##### **Registered Charity number**

1200294

##### **Principal address**

First Floor  
85 Great Portland Street  
London  
W1W 7LT

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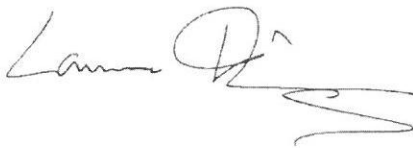
**Trustees**

Dr L P Hemming (appointed 6.9.22)  
Dr S R Sklaroff (appointed 17.1.23)  
Dr I Cole (appointed 6.9.22)  
Ms E Dalby (appointed 6.9.22)

**Independent Examiner**

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 May 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Dr L P Hemming

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Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
KNAPP FOUNDATION CIO

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Knapp Foundation CIO**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Knapp Foundation CIO (the Trust) for the period 6 September 2022 to 31 December 2023.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Guy Playfer BA FCA

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Date: ..... 10 May 2024 .....



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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE PERIOD 6 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>		
Donations and legacies		65,698
Investment income	2	<u>35</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>65,733</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>		
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
General		<u>65,081</u>
 <b>NET INCOME</b>		 652 <u>        </u>
 <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		 <u><u>652</u></u>

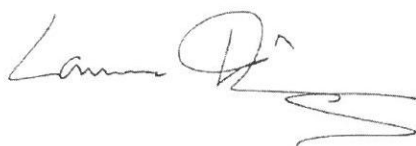
The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank		2,002
<b>CREDITORS</b>		
Amounts falling due within one year	5	(1,350)
		<u>        </u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>652</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>652</u>
		<u>        </u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>652</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	6	
Unrestricted funds		<u>652</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>652</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7 May 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



Dr Laurence Hemming

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Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF PREPARING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

**INCOME**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

**EXPENDITURE**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

**TAXATION**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**PENSION COSTS AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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**2. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	£
Interest receivable	<u>35</u>

**3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the period ended 31 December 2023.

**TRUSTEES' EXPENSES**

For the period ended 31 December 2023, the total reimbursed expenses amounted to £8,739.

**4. STAFF COSTS**

	£
Wages and salaries	41,548
Other pension costs	<u>1,813</u>
	<u>43,361</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the period was as follows:

1

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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5. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	£
Other creditors	<u>1,350</u>

6. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
General fund	652	652
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>652</u>	<u>652</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	65,733	(65,081)	652
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>65,547</u>	<u>(64,895)</u>	<u>652</u>

7. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the period ended 31 December 2023.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE PERIOD 6 SEPTEMBER 2022 TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

	£
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>	
<b>Donations and legacies</b>	
Donations	65,698
<b>Investment income</b>	
Interest receivable	<u>35</u>
<b>Total incoming resources</b>	65,733
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	
<b>Charitable activities</b>	
Wages	41,548
Pensions contributions	1,813
Computer cost	1,339
Insurance	553
Travel and subsistence	10,188
Bank charges	381
Subscription	481
Professional fees	6,166
Sundries	382
Repair and renewals	834
Accountancy	1,350
Printing, Postage, Stationary	46
	<u>65,081</u>
Total resources expended	<u>65,081</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u><u>652</u></u>

This page does not form part of the statutory financial statements