

StoicDan Becomes Organizer of the Philosophy Lab Network in NYC

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(New York City)—Massimo Pigliucci's online Stoicism group, The Philosophy Lab, has a new lead organizer: StoicDan, the organizer of Orlando Stoics, has stepped into the role. Pigliucci is stepping down as the organizer of the group, which he founded more than 18 years ago.

"This is a great honor," said StoicDan. "I first met Massimo at Stoicon 2019 in Athens, Greece, and I've participated in his different Meetups and seminars over the years. We've had numerous discussions about Stoicism, and I've gotten to know him and how he manages."

StoicDan will be joined by Joe Bullock, one of the organizers of the Philadelphia Stoics, who has led discussions and given presentations in Stoicism for years.

StoicDan added "Joe and I have been avid readers of Seneca, Epictetus, and Marcus Aurelius. This has led us to some life-changing experiences, and we realized Stoic philosophy holds the keys to living a happy and fulfilling life."

The Philosophy Lab, previously known as The Global Stoa, is a monthly meeting where participants discuss different philosophy questions and topics like "[What does it mean to live according to nature?](#)" (August 2025), "[What, if any, is the difference between religion and philosophy?](#)" (July 2025), and "[Seneca on satire: The Pumpkinification of the Divine Claudius](#)" (March 2024).

Stoicism is an ancient philosophy that comes to us from ancient Greece and Rome. It still has practical applications today, such as teaching people how to focus their energies on mastering their emotions, practicing moderation, seeking wisdom, and practicing courage.

StoicDan's future plans for The Philosophy Lab include inviting top scholars and thinkers from the Modern Stoicism for monthly interviews. Some of the names include: Christopher Gill, Martha Nussbaum, Donald Robertson, Kasey Pierce, Nancy Sherman, John Sellars, Greg Lopez, Piotr Stankiewicz, Kai Whiting, Tim LeBon, Sharon Labell, Brittany Polat, Greg Sadler, and Ryan Holiday. StoicDan adds, "We will continue the traditions that Massimo developed for this group."

StoicDan will continue to run the Orlando Stoics group with five weekly discussions.

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Description of groups:

The Orlando Stoics is a philosophy discussion group that originated in April 2015 and is now the third-largest Stoic discussion group in North America. It currently has 3500+ members and 1500+ past events. It hosts five weekly meetings, and the online meetings unite participants from the United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Thailand, and Nepal. The group examines Stoic

principles and other wisdom traditions, including how practical philosophy can improve modern lives. Most meetings start with a dialogue of four people and then proceed to Q&A for all. All programming is free and open to the public.

The Philosophy Lab, formerly known as The Global Stoa, is a philosophy discussion group that started in NYC in January 2007. It is now the second-largest Stoic group in North America. It currently has 8400+ members and 440+ past events. Each month, it has one online meeting and some in-person meetings in NYC. Over the years, the group has also offered special Stoic camps in NYC and Europe. Topics included Stoic philosophy, science, and history. It is also affiliated with a separate group, called The NYC Stoics.