

Establishing a Regular Zoom For Better Coverage Of More Time Zones - Including Europe

Post by "Cassius" of April 21, 2025 at 5:38 PM

In the past we've held sporadic Zoom sessions at mid-day eastern time in order to provide a reasonable time for our European friends, but I think it's time we set something up that is more regular so that our European friends can get better connected. We have a good number of people here already who are in Europe, and we need to devote more resources in that direction.

It seems very likely that either a Saturday or Sunday would work best, with Sunday the most likely to suit more people. That may create an obstacle for our podcasters, who are already devoting much of Sunday morning to the podcast, but all in all Sunday around noon or 1:00 PM Eastern USA time probably makes the most sense for everyone.

Therefore this thread is to start a discussion of setting up such a project -- at least once a month, but perhaps weekly if we get enough interest.

While a mid-day Eastern time allows for a reasonable meeting time from California to at least central Europe, there's no doubt that there will be conflicts no matter what time or day of the week we pick.

We further need to set up a "theme" for these meetings. Our current Wednesday meetings are centered around going through Usener's Epicurea, but if we get to the point of doing these weekly we'll want to pick another theme, such as going through a book or a particular Epicurean text, to provide some continuity. I'm thinking largely in our current format, which is to limit the session to about an hour, with the time split almost evenly between "general conversation" followed by discussion of a particular topic of Epicurean philosophy (or chapter of a book, etc).

I think we probably have past threads on a similar topic and if i can find them I will mine them for thoughts and ideas previously expressed. But in the meantime, if you're interested in participating in such a project let us know in this thread.

We have some recent new members from Europe, including [Rolf](#), as well as other regular participants who we will work to accommodate.

Post by "Rolf" of April 21, 2025 at 5:43 PM

Count me in! I can't promise I'll be available every week, but I'd love to hang out and discuss with everyone on a semi-regular basis.

Post by “Cassius” of April 22, 2025 at 9:35 AM

At present I think I will target 12:30 EDT this coming Sunday the 27th for those who are available. It won't be super long or super detailed, just an hour (at most) for us to meet Rolfe (who says he is available) and any other Europeans or other new people who would like to attend.

If you're interested please let us know. We'll do a public announcement on the front page but we'll also set up a private conversation with Zoom details for those who let us know that they would like to attend.

Of course this is open to all regular Zoomers or any of our other regulars here who would like to attend, whether you're in Europe or not.

We'll think about a name for this as well to highlight that it's intended to be convenient for both USA and Europe, but for now it'll just be Sunday EpicureanFriends Zoom.

Post by “Kalosyni” of April 22, 2025 at 10:12 AM

We now have this thread, where members can let us know if they would like to attend:

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[Special EpicureanFriends Zoom - April 27th, 12:30pm EDT](#)

Coming up this Sunday, April 27th, at 12:30 EDT for forum members who are available, we'll be having a Zoom!

This Zoom meeting will run for about an hour, as an informal gathering to meet those in European time zones or any other new members who would like to attend - it's intended to be a convenient time for both USA and Europe.

Our Agenda will be largely informal so we can go around the table and let each person introduce themselves and their interest in Epicurus. But we'll also talk at least...



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