Introduction to Philosophy

lecture

BBNSF10300

The class will deal with the main features of Aristotle’s philosophy, with an emphasis on his ethical a political theory. It is supposed to be comprehensive, ranging from logic to political theory. Many of the themes turn up in modern discussions as well and therefore the class may also serve for an introduction to contemporary issues.

* 1. Theory of the categories
* 2. Phyics; causal theory, teleology
* 3. Metaphysics I – theory of substance
* 4. Metaphysics II – „first mover”
* 5. Theory of soul I – what is soul?
* 6. Theory of soul II – sense-perception and thinking
* 7. Ethics I – highest aim, virtues
* 8. Ethics II – responsibility
* 9. Ethics III – practical wisdom (*phronesis* (Lat. *prudentia*))
* 10. Ethics IV - justice
* 11. Politics I – the nature of polis
* 12. Politics II – the ideal polis, unity and unequality

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venue: D 207

Exam: written; the title of themes follows the title of individual lectures.

Aristotle’s texts can be found in J. Barnes (ed.), *The Complete Works of Aristotle. The Revised Oxford Translation*. Princeton: Princeton UP, 1984.