

古希腊哲学原著
Aristotle: *De Motu Animalium* (2024 Spring)

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1. AIM AND SCOPE

This seminar is designed to read Aristotle's treatise *De Motu Animalium* ("On the Movement of Animals"), especially the new critical edition of Primavesi. This is an important text in the history of philosophy in which Aristotle develops a general theory of animal self-movement, aiming to explain how the soul of animals sets the body in motion, and in particular how the soul makes possible the voluntary movement of animals. As a result, this treatise provides an illuminating perspective on both Aristotle's philosophy of action and the relationships that run through his physics, psychology, and zoology. In this seminar, we will go through the main body of the *De Motu* and related excerpts from other works of Aristotle. Based on a close reading of the text, we will discuss topics including, but not limited to, the model of animal motion, desire, the practical syllogism, the locomotive soul, and pneuma. Classical and recent scholarship on Aristotle's zoology and philosophy of action and mind will be addressed and critically evaluated. This course assumes a basic knowledge of ancient philosophy, especially Aristotle's theory of the soul. **Ancient Greek is required.**

2. REQUIRED TEXT

Text and Translation:

Primavesi, O. & Morison, B. (2023), *Aristotle_De motu animalium_A New Critical Edition of the Greek Text*, Oxford.

刘玮 (译) 《论动物运动》, 北京大学出版社, 2021。

Rapp, Ch. & Primavesi, O. (2020), *Aristotle's "De Motu Animalium". Symposium Aristotelicum*. Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press,

Primavesi, O. / Corcilus, K., (2018), *Aristoteles. De motu animalium / Über die Bewegung der Lebewesen*, Hamburg.

Nussbaum, M. C. (1978), *Aristotle's De Motu Animalium*, Princeton; reprinted with corrections 1985.

Ancient Commentary:

Michael Hayduck 1903, *Michaeli Ephesii In libros De partibus animalium, De animalium motione, De animalium incessu, Commentaria in Aristotelem Graeca 22.1*, Berlin.

Preus 1981: *Aristotle and Michael of Ephesus: On the Movement and Progression of Animals*. Translated, with Introduction and Notes by Anthony Preus. Hildesheim/New York.

There are some additional readings which are either research articles/chapters (see below). They will be uploaded in the website of our seminar or distributed as handouts.

3. ONLINE TOOLS

L'Année philologique, *Philpapers*, *The Philosopher's Index*, *Oxford Bibliographies*
Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy (SEP), *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (IEP)
Der Neue Pauly (English version: *Brill New Pauly*)
The Thesaurus Linguae Graecae (TLG), *The digital Loeb Classical Library*, *Perseus*

4. POLICIES AND EVALUATION

Final grades will be determined by two components:

- Participation 20% (presentation, question-raising, response, discussion, etc.)
- Homework assignments 30%
- Final Papers 50%: for graduate students, a research article or commentary on *MA* (ca. 7000 字 or 5000 words); for undergraduate student, an essay focusing on argument reconstruction and analysis, ca. 5000 字 or 3500 words. (notes and bibliography included, ca. = +/-300). (ddl: 7th July)

Formal requirement:

- 1.5 spaced, character 12, a unified form of reference (Chicago, APA, or others)
- Greek authors and works should be referred to by the abbreviations used in Liddell-Scott-Jones or *Oxford Classical Dictionary* (4th edition)
- Journals should be referred to by the abbreviations used in *L'Année Philologique*, in italics.

Academic Honesty: You are responsible for understanding PKU policies on academic integrity. Not knowing the rules, misunderstanding the rules, running out of time, submitting “the wrong draft”, or being overwhelmed with multiple demands, *etc.* are not acceptable excuses. In particular, there are no excuses for failure to uphold academic integrity. **Plagiarism is a serious academic offense. And the penalty for it will be very severe.** To support your learning about academic citation rules, please read ‘Avoiding Plagiarism’ in H. Ramsey: *The Little, Brown Handbook*, Pearson, pp. 629-38 or visit *Oxford Academic Good Practice: A Practical Guide*

Support Services: Students in need of psychological support should contact ‘学生心理健康教育与咨询中心’ (<https://counseling.pku.edu.cn/zxxz/xlxzfs/465246.htm>) or ‘哲学楼心理咨询’ (free of charge and subject to video recording, tel. 010-62760820) for an appointment.

4. SCHEDULE

Week 1 Introduction

Rapp, Christof, 'Introduction Part I: The Argument of *De Motu Animalium*' in Rapp & Primavesi (2020) [中文节译本参 刘玮 2021]

Falcon, Andrea (2017): “The Place of the *De Motu Animalium* in Aristotle's Natural Philosophy”. In: *Reading Aristotle*, Leiden, 215–235.

Weeks 2-3 (MA 1-2)

Rapp, Ch.: “The Inner Resting Point and the Common Cause of Animal motion”, in Rapp & Primavesi (2020), in Rapp & Primavesi (2020)

Coope, U. (2020), Part 1 ‘Animal and Celestial Motion: the Role of an External Springboard: *De Motu Animalium* 2–3’, in Rapp & Primavesi (2020)

Weeks 3-5 (MA 3-5)

Coope, U. (2020) Part 2 ‘Animal and Celestial Motion: the Role of an External Springboard: *De Motu Animalium* 2–3’, in Rapp & Primavesi (2020)

Morison, B. ‘Completing the Argument that Locomotion Requires an External and Unmoved Mover: *De Motu Animalium* 4–5’, in Rapp & Primavesi (2020)

21th.3. 2024, Online Lecture on the textual tradition of MA (by Christina Prapa, LMU)

Week 6 (MA 6)

Corcilius, K.: “Resuming Discussion of the Common Cause of Animal Self-Motion: How Does the Soul Move the Body?”, in Rapp & Primavesi (2020)

Weeks 7-8 (MA 7)

Cooper, J.: “The Role of Thought in Animal Voluntary Self-locomotion”, in Rapp & Primavesi (2020)

De Groot, J. (2008), ‘Dunamis and the Science of Mechanics: Aristotle on Animal Motion’, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 46, 43-67.

Week 9 (MA 8)

Nussbaum (1978) Interpretative Essay 3

Malcolm Schofield (2011): “Phantasia in *De motu animalium*”. In Michael Pakaluk & Giles Pearson (eds.), *Moral Psychology and Human Action in Aristotle*, Oxford.

R.J. Hankinson, “*De Motu Animalium*, Chapters 7 and 8, in Rapp & Primavesi (2020)

Weeks 10-11 (MA 9-10)

Berryman, S. (2002), ‘Aristotle on *Pneuma* and Animal Self-Motion’, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 23, 85-97.

Gregoric P. “*De Motu Animalium*, Chapters 9 and 10”, in Rapp & Primavesi (2020)

Week 12 (MA 11)

Pierre-Marie Morel(forthcoming), ‘Voluntary or Not? The Physiological Perspective: *De Motu Animalium* 11’, in Rapp & Primavesi (2020)

My manuscript on MA 11

Week 13 (MA 6-11)

Corcilius, K./ Gregoric, P (2013): ‘Aristotle’s Model of Animal Motion’, *Phronesis*.

Week 14 (‘the locomotive soul’) *De Anima* 3.9-11

Whiting, J. E. (2002), “Locomotive Soul: The Parts of Soul in Aristotle's Scientific Works”, *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, 22, 141–20

Rapp, Christof. (2020), ‘Joints and Movers in the Cliffhanger Passage at the end of Aristotle, *De Anima* III.10’, in: Gweltaz Guyomarc’h, Claire Louguet, Charlotte Murgier (ed.), *Aristote et l’âme humaine*, Lectures De *De Anima* III offertes à Michel Crubellier, Louvain-

la-Neuve: Peeters 2020, 273-302.

Week 15 (“practical syllogism”)

Corcilius, K. (2008): “Two Jobs for Aristotle’s Practical Syllogism?”, *History of Philosophy & Logical Analysis* 11 (1), 163-184

Pierre-Marie Morel. ‘The Practical Syllogism in Context: *De Motu* 7 and Zoology’, in Rapp/Brullmann 2008, 185–96

Week 16 (review)

Laks, A.: “Articulating the *De Motu Animalium*. The Place of the Treatise within the *Corpus Aristotelicum*”, in Rapp & Primavesi (2020)

5. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Buddensiek, F. (2009), ‘Aristoteles’ Zirbeldrüse? Zum Verhältnis von Seele und *pneuma* in Aristoteles’ Theorie der Ortsbewegung der Lebewesen’, in D. Frede and B. Reis (eds.), *Body and Soul in Ancient Philosophy*, Berlin-New York, 309-29.

Corcilius, Klaus: *Streben und Bewegen. Aristoteles’ Theorie der animalischen Ortsbewegung*. Berlin 2008.

Corcilius, Klaus / Gregoric, Pavel: ‘Aristotle’s Model of Animal Motion’, *Phronesis* 2013.

Coughlin, S/Leith, D./ Lewis, D. 2020: *The Concept of Pneuma after Aristotle*, Berlin.

Fernandez, Patricio A. (2014). “Reasoning and the Unity of Aristotle’s Account of Animal Motion”. *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 47:151-203.

Falcon 2017: Andrea Falcon. ‘The Place of the *De Motu Animalium* in Aristotle’s Natural Philosophy’, in Wians/Polansky 2017, 215–35.

Falcon, A. and Stavrianeas, S. (2021): *Aristotle on how Animals Move. The De incessu animalium: Text, Translation, and Interpretative Essays*. Cambridge.

Ferro, Antonio (2021). *Aristotle on Self-Motion: the criticism of Plato in “De anima” and “Physics” VIII*. Basel: Schwabe Verlag.

Frampton, M. (1991), ‘Aristotle’s Cardiocentric Model of Animal Locomotion’, *Journal of the History of Biology*, 24: 291-330.

Furley, David: ‘Self-movers’, in: *Aristotle on the Mind and the Senses*, in: Lloyd/Owen 1978, 165-179.

Gregoric, P. and M. Kuhar (2013), ‘Aristotle’s Physiology of Animal Motion: On *Neura* and Muscles’, *Apeiron*.

Isépy, P. (2016) *Zur mittelalterlichen Überlieferung von Aristoteles’ De motu animalium. Die Bedeutung der Übersetzung Wilhelms von Moerbeke und der Paraphrase Alberts des Großen für die griechische Texttradition*, Wiesbaden

James G. Lennox & Mary Louise Gill (eds.), *Self-Motion: From Aristotle to Newton*. Princeton University Press

Koch, L. (2017) *τὸ τῆς λέξεως συνεχές. Michael von Ephesos und die Rezeption der Aristotelischen Schrift De motu animalium in Byzanz*. Dissertation Universität Hamburg 2015.

Kung, J. 1982: ‘Aristotle’s *De Motu Animalium* and the Separability of the Sciences’, *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 20, 65–76.

Laks, A. / Rashed, M. (eds.), *Aristote et le mouvement des animaux. Dix études sur le De motu animalium*, Villeneuve d’Ascq

Nussbaum, M. C. (1976). ‘The Text of Aristotle’s *De Motu Animalium*’. *Harvard Studies in Classical Philology*, 80, 111–159