

亚里士多德的心灵哲学  
Aristotle's Philosophy of Mind  
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### 1. AIM AND SCOPE

本课程旨在向学生介绍亚里士多德的心灵哲学,即他围绕灵魂的讨论以及相关话题。学生将学习如何在当代语境下阅读、理解以及评价亚里士多德的心灵理论,尤其是他对知觉、思想、欲望和情感等心灵状态的看法。我们将通读《论灵魂》(*de Anima*)的主体部分,同时辅助其他相关文本(例如《自然诸短篇》《形而上学》和生物学著作等)。在细读全文的基础上,我们将讨论的话题包括但不限于形质论、灵魂的本质和划分、感官知觉的本质、认知能力、欲望、常识和幻觉。其他古代作者和古代评论家材料也会参与者的兴趣和要求加以考虑。当然,近期学术界对亚里士多德心灵哲学的争论也会有所涉及。本课程的前提是具备古希腊哲学,尤其是亚里士多德哲学的基础知识。古希腊语不是课程的必要条件,但我们要求学生阅读英文翻译和相关的二手文献。

This seminar is designed to introduce students to Aristotle's philosophy of mind. Students will learn how to read, interpret, and evaluate Aristotle's psychology and related topics, particularly his view on perception, broadly understood. We will work through the main body of the *De Anima*. Through close reading of the text, we will discuss topics including, but not limited to, hylomorphism, the nature and division of the soul, the nature of sense perception, cognitive capacities, desire, common sense, and *phantasia*. Relevant sources from Aristotle and other ancient authors will also be explored selectively. Ancient commentators may be considered depending on the interests and requirements of the students. Additionally, recent scholarly debates on Aristotle's theory of mind will be addressed. This course presupposes basic knowledge of ancient philosophy, especially Aristotle. Although knowledge of ancient Greek is not required, students are encouraged to engage with English translations and research literature

This seminar aims to:

- provide a general introduction to Aristotle's psychology, along with a survey, analysis, and assessment of many related topics;
- explore key issues in the *De Anima* (perception, desire, *phantasia*, the mind-body problem, etc.) with historical and critical depth;
- demonstrate Aristotle's significant influence in late antiquity, particularly within the ancient tradition of commentators;
- reveal the philosophical richness of Aristotle's thought and its contribution to, or provocation of, contemporary philosophy;
- introduce students to currently available tools for studying Aristotle and ancient philosophy;
- provide students with the opportunity to develop and enhance their skills in analysis, presentation, and writing within the field of ancient philosophy.

Students will:

- identify and explain the philosophical vocabulary of Aristotle's philosophy of mind;
- utilize professional resources and bibliographical tools;
- explicate and assess key philosophical doctrines of the *De Anima*, particularly concerning the nature of perception;
- understand Aristotle's psychology within its historical and cultural context, as well as some central features of its reception and transformation in later periods;
- critically analyze the cogency of philosophical arguments on central issues.

## 2. REQUIRED TEXT

### Translation:

\*Aristotle, *On the Soul and Other Psychological Works*, Fred D. Miller, Jr. (tr.), Oxford. 2018.

### Other Texts and Translations

Förster, A. 1912, *Aristotelis De anima libri tres*. Budapest: Academia Litterarum.

Jannone, A./ Barbotin, E. 1966. *Aristote, De l'âme*, Les Belles Lettres, Paris 1994.

C. D. C. Reeve, *Aristotle De anima: Translated with Introduction and Notes*. The New Hackett Aristotle.

Indianapolis, In: Hackett Publishing Company, 2017

Rodier, G. 1900, *Aristote: Traité de l'âme*. 2 vols. Paris: Ernest Leroux.

Ross, W. D., ed. 1956. *Aristotelis De anima*. Oxford: Clarendon (OCT)

\*Shields, Christopher, 2016, *Aristotle's De Anima*, Oxford: Clarendon Press.

Corcilius, K. 2017. *Aristoteles. Über die Seele. De anima*. Hamburg: Meiner Verlag

There are some additional readings which are either research articles/chapters or ancient commentaries (see below). These will be posted on my website or distributed as handouts.

## 3. POLICIES AND EVALUATION

参与 20% (presentation, question-raising, response, discussion, etc.); 期中小作业 20% ; 期末开卷 60%

**Participation:** You are expected to prepare for class in advance of classroom discussions by reading and studying the assigned materials before class (usually one chapter of the source and one research paper or book chapter, sometimes accompanied by handout materials). I do not expect complete mastery of the readings. Given that many of the readings will be difficult and challenging, it is acceptable not to immediately understand everything you read. However, you are encouraged to come to class with questions and comments about the readings. In other words, everyone should try their best to make substantial contributions and be a positive participant in the overall discussions.

**Academic Honesty: 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*

## 4. SCHEDULE

The course schedule may be revised as the course progresses. If any changes are made, I will notify all enrolled students via email or WeChat group.

### **Week 1 Introduction**

Caston, Victor. (2009). 'Aristotle's Psychology'. In *A Companion to Ancient Philosophy*. edited by Mary Louise Gill and Pierre Pellegrin, 316–46. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

Shields, Christopher (2020), 'Aristotle's Psychology', *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Winter 2020 Edition)

Corcilius, K. (2024), excerpt of "Introduction", Corcilius, Klaus, Andrea Falcon, and Robert Roreitner, *Aristotle on the Essence of Human Thought*, Oxford, 2-13

### **Weeks 2 The Stage Setting of Aristotle's Project (DA 1.1)**

Wedin, Michael V. (1995). 'Keeping the Matter in Mind: Aristotle on the Passions and the Soul'. *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly* 76 (3-4):183-221.

David Charles (2021), *The Undivided Self: Aristotle and the 'Mind-Body' Problem*, Oxford, Chapter 1.

Corcilius, K. (2024). 'The Soul Itself in Aristotle's Science of Living Things'. In *The Science of Life in Aristotle and the Early Peripatos*. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill.

### **Weeks 3-4 Aristotle and his Predecessors (DA 1.2-5)**

Carter, Jason W. (2022). 'Aristotle on Earlier Definitions of Soul and Their Explanatory Power': *DA*

I.2–5. In Caleb M. Cohoe (ed.), *Aristotle's on the Soul: A Critical Guide*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press. pp. 32 - 49.

### **Weeks 5-6 Aristotle's Definition of the Soul (DA 2.1-4)**

- Ackrill, J. (1997). 'Aristotle's Definition of *psyche*', in J. Ackrill, *Essays on Plato and Aristotle*. Oxford.
- Coates, Cameron F. & Lennox, James G. (2020). 'Aristotle on the Unity of the Nutritive and Reproductive Functions'. *Phronesis* 65 (4):414-466.
- Hanlon, Rory (2023). 'Aristotle's Unified Soul: The Figure-Soul Analogy and Its Context.' *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 61 (4):533-558.
- Heinaman, R. (1990) 'Aristotle and the Mind-Body Problem.' *Phronesis* 35 (1990) 83-102.
- Menn, S. (2002), 'Aristotle's Definition of Soul and the Programme of the *De Anima*', *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. XXII, pp. 83 – 139.
- Shields, C. (1990) 'The First Functionalist.' in *Historical Foundations of Cognitive Science*, J-C. Smith, ed. Dordrecht, 19-33.
- Whiting, J. (1995) 'Living Bodies', in M. Nussbaum and A Rorty (eds), *Essays on Aristotle's de Anima*.

### **Weeks 7-10: Senses and Sense Perception (DA 2.5-12)**

- Andreas Anagnostopoulos (2023) 'Aristotle's first moves regarding perception: a reading of (most of) *De anima* 2.5', *Archiv für Geschichte der Philosophie*, 105.1 68-117.
- Broadie, S.W. (1992) 'Aristotle's Perceptual Realism.' in *Ancient Minds*, J. Ellis, ed. Spindel Conf. Proc. [= SJP Supp. vol. 31] 137-159.
- Burnyeat, Myles. (1995). 'Is an Aristotelian philosophy of mind still credible? (A draft)'. In *Essays on Aristotle's De anima*. Edited by M. C. Nussbaum and A. O. Rorty, 15–26.
- Burnyeat, M. (2002), '*De Anima* II 5', *Phronesis*, vol. XLVII, no. 1, pp. 28 – 90.
- Caston, V. (2005), 'The Spirit and the Letter: Aristotle on Perception' in Salles (ed.) *Metaphysics, Soul and Ethics: Themes from the Work of Richard Sorabji*, s, Oxford, pp. 245-320.
- Corcilius, K. (2014) 'Activity, Passivity, and Perceptual Discrimination in Aristotle' in J.F. Silva and M. Yrjönsuuri (eds.), *Active Perception in the History of Philosophy: From Plato to Modern Philosophy*. Dordrecht: Springer pp. 31–53
- Ebert, Th., (1983). 'Aristotle on what is done in perceiving'. *Zeitschrift für Philosophische Forschung* 37:181–198
- Everson, S. (1995) "Proper Sensibles and *Kath' Auta* Causes." *Phronesis* 40: 265-292.
- Everson, S. (1998) *Aristotle on Perception*. Oxford.
- Johansen, T. K. (1997). *Aristotle on the Sense-Organs*. Cambridge.
- Lorenz, H. (2007), "The Assimilation of Sense to Sense-Object in Aristotle", *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy*, vol. XXXIII, pp. 179 – 220.
- Modrak, D.K. (1998), 'Sense Organs: Matter and Function.' *Apeiron* 31, 351-362.
- Silverman, A. (1989), 'Color and Color-Perception in Aristotle's *de Anima*.' *AP* 9, 271-292.
- Roreitner, R. (2025). *Aristotle on the Nature and Causes of Perception*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, Chapter 1.
- Sorabji, R. (2001), 'Aristotle on Sensory Process and Intentionality: A Reply to Myles Burnyeat', in D. Perler (ed.), *Ancient and Medieval Theories of Intentionality*, Brill, Leiden, pp. 49 – 61.

### **Weeks 11-12 *phantasia*, common sense, and consciousness (DA 3.1-3)**

- Cashdollar, S. 1973. 'Aristotle's account of incidental perception'. *Phronesis* 18:156–175.
- Caston, V., 1996 'Why Aristotle Needs Imagination', *Phronesis* 41, , pp. 20-55
- Caston, V., 2002. 'Aristotle on consciousness'. *Mind* 111:751–815.
- Gregoric, P., 2007. *Aristotle on the common sense*. Oxford: Clarendon.
- Frede, D. 'The Cognitive Role of *Phantasia* in Aristotle', in M. Nussbaum and A Rorty.
- Kosman, L. Aryeh. 1975. 'Perceiving that we perceive'. *Philosophical Review* 84:499–519.
- Schofield, M. 1995 'Aristotle on the imagination', in M. Nussbaum and A Rorty.
- Wedin, Michael 1988. *Mind and Imagination in Aristotle*. Yale University Press.

### **Weeks 13 thinking (DA 3.4-8)**

- Brentano, Franz (1995), ‘*Nous Poiētikos*: Survey of Earlier Interpretations’, in Martha C. Nussbaum, and Amélie Oksenberg Rorty (eds), *Essays on Aristotle's De Anima*, Oxford.
- Corcilius, Klaus, Andrea Falcon, and Robert Roreitner 2024, *Aristotle on the Essence of Human Thought*, Oxford.
- Cohoe, Caleb Murray (2014). ‘*Nous* in Aristotle's *De Anima*’. *Philosophy Compass* 9 (9):594-604.
- Kahn, Charles H. (1995), ‘Aristotle on Thinking’, in Martha C. Nussbaum, and Amélie Oksenberg Rorty (eds), *Essays on Aristotle's De Anima*, Oxford.

### **Week 14-15 ‘the locomotive soul’ (DA 3.9-11, MA 6-7)**

- 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 *Lectures De De Anima III offertes à Michel Crubellier*, Louvain-la-Neuve: Peeters 2020, 273-302.

### **Week 16 open**

## **5. SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY**

### 1. Ancient Commentary and Related Treatises.

- The standard collection of texts remains *Commentaria in Aristotelem Graeca*, ed. H. Diels (Berlin: Reimer, 1882-1909), hereafter *CAG*. What follow are limited to the English translations, in particular those under the editorship of Richard Sorabji.
- Alexander of Aphrodisias,  
 —, *On the Soul* (Part 1), V. Caston (trans.), Bristol: Bristol Classical Press, 2012.  
 —, *The De anima of Alexander of Aphrodisias*, A. P. Fotinis (trans.), Washington, D.C.: University Press of America, 1979.  
*Supplement to “On the Soul”*, R. W. Sharples (trans.), London, 2004.
- Philoponus,  
 —, *On Aristotle on the Intellect*, W. Charlton, and F. Bossier (trans.), London, 1991.  
 —, *On Aristotle on the Soul 1.1–2*, Ph. van der Eijk (trans.), London 2005.  
 —, *On Aristotle on the Soul 1.3–5*, Ph. van der Eijk (trans.), London, 2006.  
 —, *On Aristotle on the Soul 2.1–6*, W. Charlton (trans.), London, 2005.  
 —, *On Aristotle on the Soul 2.7–12*, W. Charlton (trans.), London, 2005.  
 —, *On Aristotle on the soul 3.1–8*, W. Charlton (trans.), London, 2000.  
 —, *On Aristotle on the Soul 3.9–13*, W. Charlton (trans.), London, 2000.
- [Simplicius],  
*On Aristotle's on the Soul 1.1–2.4*, J. O. Urmson, P. Lautner (trans.), Ithaca, 1996.  
 —, *On Aristotle's on the Soul 2.5–12*, C. Steel, C. J. O. Urmson (trans.), London, 1997.  
 —, *On Aristotle's on the Soul 3.1–5*, H. J. Blumenthal, (trans.), London, 1995.  
 —, *On Aristotle's on the Soul 3.6–13*, C. Steel (trans.), Bristol: Bristol Classical Press, 2013.
- Themistius,  
*On Aristotle's on the Soul*, R. B. Todd (trans.), London, 1996.

### 2. Medieval Commentaries

- Aquinas, Thomas 1999, *A Commentary on Aristotle's De Anima*, tr. Robert Pasnau, New Haven: Yale University Press.
- Averroes [Ibn Rushd] 2002, *Middle Commentary on Aristotle's De Anima*, tr. Alfred L. Ivy, Provo, Utah: Brigham Young University Press.
- Averroes [Ibn Rushd] 2002, *Long Commentary on the De Anima of Aristotle*, tr. Richard C. Taylor with Thérèse-Anne Durant, New Haven: Yale.

### 3. Other sources, Translations, and Commentaries

- Hamlyn, D. W., 1968 [1993], *Aristotle De anima, Books II and III*, Oxford.
- Hicks, R. D., 1907, *Aristotle, De Anima*, Cambridge.
- Nussbaum, Martha C., 1978, *Aristotle's De motu animalium*, Princeton.

- Sorabji, Richard 2006. *Aristotle on Memory*: Second Edition. University of Chicago Press.
- Rapp, C., and Primavesi, O. (eds.) (2020) *Aristotle's De motu animalium: Symposium Aristotelicum*, Oxford.
- Reeve, C. D. C. 2017. Aristotle, *De Anima*. Indianapolis.
- Ross, W. D., 1955, *Aristotle: Parva Naturalia*, Oxford: Clarendon Press.
- 1961, *Aristotle, De anima, edited, with introduction and commentary*, Oxford.
- Polansky, Ronald, 2007, *Aristotle's De Anima*, Cambridge.
- (2024). *Aristotle's Parva naturalia: Text, Translation, and Commentary*. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter.
- 陈玮 (译) 2021: 《论灵魂》北京大学出版社
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- Carter, Jason W. 2019. *Aristotle on Earlier Greek Psychology: The Science of Soul*. Cambridge.
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- Freudenthal, Gad. 1995. *Aristotle's theory of material substance*. Oxford: Clarendon.
- Gregoric, P. 2007. *Aristotle on the Common Sense*. Oxford University Press
- Gregoric, P. and J.L. Fink (eds.), *Encounters with Aristotelian Philosophy of Mind*. New York: Routledge
- Guyomarc'H., Gweltaz; Louguet, Claire; Murgier, Charlotte & Crubellier, Michel (eds.) (2020). *Aristote et l'âme humaine: lectures de De anima III offertes à Michel Crubellier*. Bristol, CT: Peeters.
- Grasso, Roberto 2020. Blind-spots in Aristotle's doctrine of the perceptual mean. *Apeiron*, 53(3), 257-284.
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- Whiting, Jennifer (2023). *Body and Soul: Essays on Aristotle's Hylomorphism*. New York, NY, United States of America: Oxford University Press.