Research Group D-III-E-II-2

13 – 14 November 2009

Workshop

Parts of the Soul and Methodology in Aristotle

LOCATION

TOPOI Building at the Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin
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Although he at times seems to speak dismissively of the concept of the soul as consisting of parts, Aristotle makes use of the concept in putting forward his own views. What, then, is his view of parts of the soul? Normally, scholarly interest focuses on the ontological issues connected with this question, most notably problems connected with the unity of the partitioned soul. This workshop tries to approach the question from a methodological perspective. This includes the following issues: Aristotle’s methodological criticism of the Platonic ways of soul-partitioning / The correspondence of domains of science according to parts of soul / The role of parts of soul in the argument of the De anima / Parts of soul and the dynamis - energeia distinction / Parts and capacities of the soul / Parts of soul and homogeneity, separability, etc.

FRIDAY 13RD

9.30 – 10.00 coffee

10.00 – 11.20
ROBERT BOLTON
Aristotle’s Method in the Study of Perception: De Anima II.5

11.30 – 13.00
RICHARD KING
meros – dynamis – energeia in the De Anima

12.45 – 15.00 lunch

15.00 – 16.20
KLAUS CORCILIUS
The Soul Itself

16.30 – 17.45
PIETER SJÖRD HASPER
Parts of the Soul in an Aristotelian Science of the Soul

19.00 dinner

SATURDAY 14TH

10.00 – 11.20
JAKUB KRAJCZYNSKI
What did Aristotle Find out about Soul by cutting Plants and Insects?

11.30 – 12.45
FRANCESCA PEDRIALI
Homogeneity and Partition of the Soul. Two Related Problems of De Anima I.1

12.45 – 15.00 lunch

15.00 – 16.20
JAMES G. LENNOX
Aristotle on Mind, Soul and the Science of Nature

16.30 – 17.45
PAVEL GREGORIC
Separability vs. Difference: The Criterion of Parthood of the Soul in Aristotle

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