

Being, Truth, and Knowledge in Ancient Greek Logic

Topic

The concepts of being, truth, and knowledge are tightly connected in ancient Greek philosophy, especially in Aristotle and in Hellenistic philosophy. There appears to be a shift of perspective between Aristotle and the Hellenistic philosophical schools (Stoics, Epicureans, and Academics) that took center stage shortly after his death. While for Aristotle the concept of essence is at the centre of the web where being, truth, and knowledge are reciprocally linked, it remains unclear (and debated) what, if anything, plays the role of essence in Hellenistic philosophy. Moreover, Aristotle appears to take for granted that knowledge is possible and attainable, while skepticism becomes a philosophical issue in Hellenistic philosophy. This workshop, whose purpose is to shed light on this shift both from a historical and from a theoretical point of view, will bring together some established scholars and some more junior researchers.

Location: Fondation Hardt, Vandoeuvres, Geneva (the website www.fondationhardt.ch is very helpful: you may click 'Localisation' and then 'Plan d'accès').

Date: March 15th and 16th 2012 (Thursday afternoon + Friday morning)

Format: 3 + 2 talks, each of about 45 minutes followed by a discussion of 30 minutes

Program

Thursday 15 March 2012

- 12.15 Arrival at the Fondation Hardt
- 12.30 Lunch at the Fondation Hardt
- 14.30 Presentation and introduction
- 14.45 Walter Cavini (Bologna): Greek Ontology and Alethic Realism
Chair: Annamaria Schiaparelli (Geneva)
- 16.15 Coffee break
- 16.45 Alexander Bown (Geneva): Propositions and Their Constituents in the *Prior Analytics*
Chair: Annamaria Schiaparelli (Geneva)
- 19.00 Dinner at the Fondation Hardt

Friday 16 March 2012

- 9.15 Arrival at the Fondation Hardt
- 9.30 Jean-Baptiste Gourinat (Paris): Logical Principles and the Autonomy of Logic in Aristotle and the Stoics
Chair: Alexander Bown (Geneva)
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 Christof Rapp (München): At the Crossroads of Logic, Semantics and Ontology: Aristotle's *Metaphysics* Gamma, 3–6
Chair: Alexander Bown (Geneva)
- 13.00 Lunch at the Fondation Hardt
- 14.30 Christopher Shields (Oxford): Socrates and Socrates Seated: A Response to a Sophistic Trope
Chair: Paolo Crivelli (Geneva)
- 16.00 End of the proceedings