



Invites you to a seminar on

ARISTOTLE'S *POSTERIOR ANALYTICS*

Posterior Analytics is an essay on the theory of *epistēmē*, the closest ancient analogue to the modern concept of 'science'. It is not a systematic treatise, but rather a collection of more or less elaborated reflections regarding the principles of demonstrative knowledge and the method of inquiry. Despite the difficulty of the subject matter and the sometimes opaque manner of its presentation, the text is worth close attention for anyone wishing to grasp the basic contours of the most ambitious scientific project in antiquity and to understand the nature of ancient 'science' more generally.

The aim of the seminar is twofold: To get hold, as best as we can, of Aristotle's project of *epistēmē*, its principles and methods; and to explore the limits of this project from the modern perspective. While reading selected chapters from the *Posterior Analytics* together, we will try to make sense of difficult passages, look for interconnections within Aristotle's *oeuvre*, and confront the Aristotelian views and methods with anachronistic, post-Cartesian questions.

The seminar will require some degree of philological patience; but no knowledge of ancient Greek or ancient logic is presupposed. The main language of the seminar will be English, except for the fully Czech- or Slovak- speaking audience.

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from 16:00 to 18:00