**The mechanism of Stability; Potentiality; and Change according to Aristotle.**

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I intend to cover the following themes in the seminar. The overall subject is the analysis of the concepts in the title of the seminar: stability, change and potentiality. I will use the material that can be found in the Receptacle part of the *Timaeus* of Plato; I will move through the transition that Aristotle makes from the *Categories*, where he explains change with concepts of subject and quality but without a concept of matter, on to *Physics I*, using an initial conception of matter and substance; and I will conclude with the development of the concept of potentiality in his *Generation and Corruption*.

Appropriate reading in preparation would be about Aristotle’s *Physics* , *and*  the Central Books of the Metaphysics:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Physics_%28Aristotle%29#Book_I_.28.CE.91.3B_184a-192b.29>

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Timaeus passage on the Receptacle in translation for the non-Greek reader

The *Categories* passage about substance and accident

The physics about three principles and the matter and form and mainly the subject of change. And the lines in *Metaphysics* Z 3 about the substratum. Finally, his account of mixing from the *Generation and Corruption* Book I.10.