

# «Aristotle's Ethics and Contemporary Moral Philosophy»

## DESCRIPTION – SUMMARY:

The lecture provides an outline of Aristotle's basic positions put forth in the *Nicomachean Ethics* and in the *Eudemian Ethics* and proceeds to a critical discussion of their reception and of their elaboration in contemporary moral philosophy, focusing on the development of virtue ethics, as an alternative to the dominant ethical traditions of the Modern Era. No special knowledge is required, either of Aristotle's treatises or of systematic moral philosophy. We shall draw on some key passages, mostly of the *Nicomachean Ethics*, in English translation, with a view to assessing the relevance of Aristotle's thought to contemporary concerns.

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