

Aristotle Research Seminar

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Funded by the LSU Center for Collaborative Knowledge, the Aristotle Research Seminar is composed of select faculty and graduate students undertaking to study Aristotle's influence on, and acceptance or rejection by, modern science. We began in academic year 2019-20 studying seven of Aristotle's texts that were foundational to as many disciplines, under one another's guidance. In 2020-21 we will read Aristotle's *De Anima* (On the Soul) and then turn to a study of Darwin's *Origin of Species* for contrast. Participants agree to read the selections beforehand, with presenters charged to begin and facilitate discussion rather than to lecture at length. We will meet six times during the year, as indicated below.

Background and Objectives



This seminar is the first step of an anticipated multi-year and multi-university project to assess the relation between Aristotle's works and modern scholarship and science. Recognizing Aristotle as author of foundational texts in most of the disciplines in colleges of arts & sciences in modern universities, we aim to explore to what extent his work (a) remains foundational or essential reading in certain disciplines, (b) has been superseded or corrected by subsequent discovery and analysis, or (c) has been

dismissed but not genuinely refuted. For more documentation and argument concerning this project, visit ARISTOTLE UPDATE.



Session One: Friday, October 30, 2020, 2:00-4:00 pm

-  De Anima (English), Book I
 -  De Anima (Greek), Book I
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Session Two: Friday, November 20, 2020, 2:00-4:00 pm

-  De Anima (English), Book II
 -  De Anima (Greek), Book II
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Session Three: Friday, December 11, 2020, 2:00-4:00 pm ?

-  De Anima (English), Book III
 -  De Anima (Greek), Book III
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Session Four: January 2021

-  Darwin, ORIGIN OF SPECIES (assignments tba)











Session Five: February or March 2021

 Darwin, ORIGIN OF SPECIES (assignments tba)

Session Six: March or April 2021

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