

ARISTOTLE (AND ARISTOTELIANISM) ON JUSTICE AND (IN)EQUALITY: CONTEMPORARY PROJECTIONS

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Call for Papers

This international meeting aims to bring together scholars from various disciplines to explore and discuss Aristotle's profound insights into the theme proposed.

Aristotle, one of the most influential thinkers in Western philosophy, dedicated extensive inquiry to the subjects of justice and reason. His works, such as "Nicomachean Ethics" and "Politics", remain foundational texts that continue to shape our understanding of ethics, politics, and the role of reason in human life. This conference seeks to foster a comprehensive examination of Aristotle's theories on justice and reason, exploring their implications for contemporary research across a wide range of disciplines.

We invite researchers, scholars, and experts from philosophy, political science, law, ethics, psychology, and related fields to submit their original research papers for presentation at the conference. Contributions may focus on, but are not limited to, the following topics:

- Aristotle's concept of justice and its contemporary relevance
- The role of Aristotelian ethics in addressing issues of inequality
- Justice as a virtue: exploring Aristotle's virtue ethics in relation to social justice
- Aristotelian principles of distributive justice and their application in contemporary societies
- Aristotle's perspective on economic justice and its implications for addressing economic inequality
- Aristotle's views on gender equality and their resonance in current debates
- The relationship between Aristotle's theory of justice and political philosophy
- Aristotelian conceptions of fairness and their implications for addressing social inequalities
- Aristotle's analysis of corrective justice and its applicability in modern legal systems

- Aristotelian perspectives on global justice and their relevance to issues of international inequality
- The role of Aristotelian thought in understanding social inequality and social stratification
- Contemporary interpretations of Aristotelian principles of justice in light of modern social and political contexts
- The influence of Aristotelian thought on contemporary theories of justice and equality
- Critiques of Aristotelian perspectives on justice and inequality from a modern standpoint
- Comparative analysis of Aristotelian theories of justice with other ethical and political theories
- Aristotelian notions of equity and their relationship to social and legal justice
- The relevance of Aristotle's concept of friendship in promoting social equality and justice
- Aristotelian approaches to resolving conflicts between justice and equity
- Application of Aristotelian principles to specific social justice issues, such as racial inequality, poverty, or healthcare disparities
- Contemporary challenges to Aristotelian conceptions of justice and potential adaptations for addressing emerging forms of inequality

Submission Guidelines: Interested participants are requested to submit an abstract of their paper (maximum 300 words) along with a brief biographical note (maximum 100 words) by **September 25th**, 2023, to nunocoelho@usp.br and linhares@fd.uc.pt. Abstracts should clearly state the research question, methodology, and main findings of the paper. Notification of acceptance will be sent by **October 15th**, 2023. Presentations will be limited to 25 minutes, followed by a Q&A session. Selected papers will be invited for publication. For communication reasons it is strongly recommended English as working language. However, communications in Castilian, French, German, Italian and Portuguese are also possible (provided they are always accompanied by an abstract in English).

Keynote Speakers: Keynote speakers dedicated to the study of Aristotle's philosophy (including Christoff Rapp, José Reinaldo de Lima Lopes, José de Sousa e Brito, António de Castro Caeiro, Nuno Coelho and Liesbeth Huppel-Cluysenaer) will provide insights and provoke further discussion.

Registration period: from **November 13th to 17th** 2023

The Colloquium will be open to the public: this means that the access is free, but requires registration.

The *registration fee* (concerning only the participants who *effectively present papers* in response to this call) is 30€ (for professionals) and 20 (for students, including PhD candidates). The information concerning payment possibilities will be available a week before the beginning of the registration period.

Important Dates:

Abstract submission deadline: September 25, 2023

Notification of acceptance: October 15, 2023

Conference dates: December 6-7, 2023

Join us in Coimbra, a city steeped in history and cultural tradition, for engaging discussions and fruitful exchanges on Aristotle's enduring contributions to our understanding of justice and reason. We look forward to welcoming you to this enriching meeting.

The meeting is organized by IJ-UCILeR (University of Coimbra Institute for Legal Research) and ATFD (Associação Portuguesa de Teoria do Direito, Filosofia do Direito e Filosofia Social, the Portuguese Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy – IVR), in association with the University of São Paulo (Law Faculty at Ribeirão Preto) and ABRAFI (Associação Brasileira de Filosofia do Direito e Sociologia do Direito, the Brazilian Section of the International Association for Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy – IVR).