

## Knowledge and Understanding in Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics*

The *Posterior Analytics* are one of the most influential, interesting, and difficult works of Aristotle. At the crossroads of philosophy of science, epistemology, logic, philosophy of language, and ontology, the treatise has been extensively studied and commented on and is still at the center of scholarly attention. The immediate occasion for this conference is a new French translation of the work that is being prepared by Prof. Pierre-Marie Morel, who is one of the organizers. The conference is a combination of original contributions by senior invited speakers and junior scholars. Senior invited speakers will deliver papers on central topics of the *Posterior Analytics* (each paper will be followed by extensive discussion). Junior scholars (postgraduate students and postdoctoral fellows) will introduce the discussion of some important chapters of the work, which will then be analyzed and discussed by all the participants to the conference (in seminar format). The conference belongs with the activities of the Centre de recherche en philosophie ancienne et médiévale (Gramata-Sphere UMR 7219), École Doctorale de Philosophie (Université Paris 1 - Panthéon-Sorbonne) and of the Geneva group of research in Ancient and Medieval Philosophy (AMPhi). It is being generously funded by the Marie Gretler-Stiftung.

**Location:** Fondation Hardt, Vandoeuvres, Genève (the website [www.fondationhardt.ch](http://www.fondationhardt.ch) is very helpful: you may click 'Practical information' and then 'Access').

**Date:** Thursday 9 March–Saturday 11 March 2017

Format: 2 + 2 + 2 + 2 talks (Thursday afternoon, Friday morning and afternoon, Saturday morning), each talk lasts about 45 minutes and is followed by a discussion of 45 minutes

### Speakers:

Simona Aimar (UCL, London)  
Maddalena Bonelli (Bergamo)  
Alexander Bown (Genève)  
David Bronstein (Georgetown)  
Elena Cagnoli Fieconi (Genève)  
Ulysse Chaintreuil (Paris)  
Paolo Natali (Genève)  
Christopher Shields (Notre Dame)

## Program

### Thursday 9 March 2017

- 14.15 Presentation and introduction
- 14.30 Alexander Bown (Genève): Analysis of *APo.* 1.1  
Chair: Pierre-Marie Morel (Paris)
- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.30 David Bronstein (Georgetown): 'The Structure of Aristotelian Demonstration'  
Chair: Pierre-Marie Morel (Paris)
- 19.00 Dinner at the Fondation Hardt

### Friday 10 March 2017

- 9.15 Arrival at the Fondation Hardt
- 9.30 Paolo Natali (Genève): Analysis of *APo.* 1.2  
Chair: Annamaria Schiaparelli (Genève)
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 Christopher Shields (Notre Dame): 'Why ask "Why"?'  
Chair: Annamaria Schiaparelli (Genève)
- 13.00 Lunch at the Fondation Hardt
- 14.30 Simona Aimar (UCL, London): 'Causal Knowledge about Particulars in Aristotle's *Posterior Analytics* 1.8'  
Chair: Katerina Ierodiakonou (Athens and Genève)
- 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.30 Elena Cagnoli Fieconi (Genève): Analysis of *APo.* 1.31  
Chair: Katerina Ierodiakonou (Athens and Genève)
- 19.00 Dinner at the Fondation Hardt

### Saturday 11 March 2017

- 9.15 Arrival at the Fondation Hardt
- 9.30 Ulysse Chaintreuil (Paris): Analysis of *APo.* 2.16  
Chair: Paolo Crivelli (Genève)
- 11.00 Coffee break
- 11.30 Maddalena Bonelli (Bergamo): 'Aristote et la hiérarchie des sciences'  
Chair: Paolo Crivelli (Genève)
- 13.00 End of the proceedings