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Philosophisches Seminar
Doktoratsprogramm "Philosophie – Sprache, Geist und Praxis"

**Doctoral Seminar with Mark Textor (London)
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Aristotle and Brentano on the Mind (3/5 KP)

Contemporary philosophers usually trace their interest in the concept of intentionality back to Brentano. But Brentano's approach is based on his work on Aristotle. And Aristotle's approach is, in turn, shaped and informed by the work of other ancient philosophers. Hence, the concept of intentionality offers a bridge between recent philosophy of mind and ancient philosophy. In this course we will compare and contrast Brentano and Aristotle and hope in doing so to shed light on both.

Friday, 2. 12. – Saturday, 3. 12. 2011

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PhD students at the UZH are required to book the module in order to get 3 or 5 credit points.

No fees apply, but please note that participants are expected to have done the principal reading.
Organization: Doctoral Programme „Philosophy – Language, Mind and Practice“



Friday, 2. 12. 2011, 9:30 – 18:00: Aristotle

Session 1: Souls and natures, Aristotle's project

Primary Reading:

- ARISTOTLE DE ANIMA 2.1-4

Secondary Reading:

- Burnyeat, M.F. 'Is an Aristotelian philosophy of mind still credible?', in Nussbaum, M.C. and Rorty, A. eds. 1992: *Essays on Aristotle's de anima*. Oxford: OUP.
- Nussbaum, M.C and Putnam, H. 'Changing Aristotle's mind', in Nussbaum, M.C. and Rorty, A. eds. 1992: *Essays on Aristotle's de anima*. Oxford: OUP.

Session 2: How does perception come about?

Primary Reading:

- ARISTOTLE DE ANIMA 2.5, 2.12

Secondary Reading:

- Plato, *Theaetetus* 152-157
- Burnyeat, M.F., 'De Anima II.5'. *Phronesis* 2002, pp. 28-90.
- Caston, V., 'The spirit and the letter: Aristotle on perception'. In R. Salles, ed. *Metaphysics, soul and ethics in ancient thought*. Oxford: OUP, 2005: pp. 245-320.
- Sorabji, R., 'Body and soul in Aristotle', in Barnes, J., Schofield, M., Sorabji, R., eds. *Articles on Aristotle 4: Psychology and Aesthetics* pp. 42-64

Session 3: Perception and consciousness

Primary Reading:

- ARISTOTLE DE ANIMA 3.1-2

Secondary Reading:

- Plato, *Theaetetus* 184-6
- Caston, V. 'Aristotle and the problem of intentionality'. *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 1998: 58, pp. 249-298.
- Caston, V. 'Aristotle on consciousness'. *Mind* 2002: 111, pp. 751-815
- Kosman, L.A., 'Perceiving that we perceive: On the Soul III, 2'. *Philosophical Review* 1975: 84, pp. 499-519
- McCabe, M.M., 'Perceiving that we see and hear: Aristotle on Plato on judgement and reflection' in M.M.McCabe and Mark Textor, eds., *Perspectives on Perception* Ontos Verlag, 2007



Saturday, 3. 12. 2011, 9:30-18:00: Brentano

Session 1: Brentano's Project: Psychology without the Soul.

Primary Reading:

- Franz Brentano: *Psychologie vom Empirischen Standpunkt*. Hamburg, Meiner 1924. Book 1, Chapter 1 and 2; Book 2, Chapter 1.
- Franz Brentano: *Über die Zukunft der Philosophie*. (2nd ed.) Hamburg: Meiner 1968. (See there Brentano's Habilitationsthesen)

Secondary Reading:

- Marty, A.: *Deskriptive Psychologie*. Würzburg: Königshausen&Neumann 2011.
- Crane, T.: *Elements of Mind*, Oxford: OUP 2001. Chapters 7, 8, 24.
- Crane, T.: Brentano's Concept of Intentional Inexistence. In M. Textor (ed.), *The Austrian Contribution to Analytic Philosophy*. Routledge: London 2006.
- Moran, D.: Brentano's Thesis. *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*. Suppl. Vol.70 (1996): 1-27.

Session 2: Is Every Intentional Act Conscious?

Primary Reading: Franz Brentano: *Psychologie vom Empirischen Standpunkt*. Hamburg, Meiner 1924. Book 2, Chapter 2 & 3.

Secondary Reading:

- Caston, V.: Aristotle on Consciousness. *Mind* 111 (2002): 751-815.
- Textor, M.: Brentano (and some Neo-Brentanians) on Inner Consciousness, *Dialectica*, 60 (2006): 411-431.
- Zahavi, D.: Back to Brentano. *Journal of Consciousness Studies*, 11 (2004): 66-87

Session 3: The Unity of Consciousness

Primary Reading:

- Franz B.: *Psychologie vom Empirischen Standpunkt*. Hamburg, Meiner 1924. Book 2, Ch. 2 & 3.
- No secondary reading here (Mark Textor offers to send a manuscript by e-mail to interested students).

General introductory readings

- Barnes, J. (1995) *The Cambridge Companion to Aristotle*. Cambridge: CUP.
- Cooper, J.M. (2003) 'Aristotle' in Sedley, D. ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Greek and Roman Philosophy*. Cambridge: CUP, pp. 125-150
- Moran, D. (2000) *Introduction to Phenomenology*. Routledge: London.
- Jacquette, D. (ed.) 2004. *The Cambridge Companion to Brentano*. Cambridge: CUP, 2004.