

**Call for Abstracts:**  
***Features of Substantiality in Aristotle***  
**Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon, 3<sup>rd</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2024**

We are delighted to announce our upcoming conference on *Features of Substantiality in Aristotle*, taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 at the Centre of Philosophy of the University of Lisbon (CFUL).

**Confirmed Speakers:**

David Charles (Yale)  
Klaus Corcilius (Eberhard Karls University Tübingen)  
Silvia Fazzo (University of Eastern Piedmont 'Amedeo Avogadro')  
Mary Louise Gill (Brown)  
António Pedro Mesquita (University of Lisbon)  
Wolfgang Sattler (University of Lisbon)  
Raphael Zillig (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul)

**Topic:** It is a central question in Aristotle's ontology what it is for something to be a substance. Aristotle characterises substances as such in different ways, including as being: separate, or separable (*choriston*); a this-something (*tode ti*) and what something is (*ti esti*); what it is in its own right (*kath'hauto*); something definite (*horismenon*); and a subject or substrate (*hypokeimenon*). However, among these 'features' of substantiality, some are notoriously hard to grasp and have sparked considerable debates in the literature. It is also not fully clear how all these features relate to each other. For example, there is a long-lasting controversy about what it means for a substance to be separate, whether this should be understood in terms of existential independence, or in terms of essential independence, or in some other way. And it is disputed whether substantial forms are separate or not. Another controversy concerns the question of what it means to be a this-something (*tode ti*), whether it just means to be a particular (falling under a substance kind), or to be something definite and determinate, or to be such that no element of the account of the thing is predicated of another, or something else. And it is disputed whether it is the individual sensible substance, or the form, that is a this-something in the primary sense.

The aim of the conference is to discuss the different features of substantiality as they figure both in Aristotle's ontological works and also in his other (biological, ethical etc.) works, in order to gain a better understanding of them, and their relation to each other.

**Call for Abstracts:** Up to three slots at the conference will be reserved for scholars at the beginning of their career, who have completed their PhD after the 30th of June 2019, or are close to completing it. We invite those interested to submit an extended abstract of up to 1000 words, in English, on a topic related to the conference topic. The topic should be suitable for a 45 minute presentation, followed by 45 minutes of discussion.

The abstract with title should be prepared for blind review and be sent as a pdf per email to [c.filosofia@letras.ulisboa.pt](mailto:c.filosofia@letras.ulisboa.pt), together with a separate pdf stating the title, name of the author, affiliation, and email address, and with "**Submission\_Substantiality2024**" in the subject line of the email.

Only one abstract per person will be accepted. We would like to encourage, in particular, submissions from members of under-represented groups. The costs for accommodation during the time of the conference for the chosen participants will be covered; we are, however, unfortunately not able to pay for the costs of the journey to and from Lisbon.

**Deadline for Submission:** 10th of March 2024.

Notifications of acceptance will be sent at the beginning of April 2024.

**Organisers:**

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