



Neo-Aristotelian Politics Recent Debates on Virtue, Natural Law and Technology

Conference on 25 April 2024
Ludovika University of Public Service, John Lukacs Lounge
(1 Ludovika Sq., 1083 Budapest)



School of Aristotle by Gustav Adolph Spangenberg, ca 1883-1888

8.50 – 9.00 Welcome by Rector Gergely Deli

9.00 – 10.00 Nature, Natural Law, Technology

H.G.T. Decker (Maastricht University): Between Dawkins and Aristotle: Finding Symmetries between Evolutionary Biology and Aristotelian Natural Law

Szabolcs Nyiri, Márton Oláh, Péter Szolcsányi (ELTE University): The (political) Problem if We Interpret Internet as Agora – An Insight from the Political Philosophical and Philosophy of Technology Viewpoints

10.00 – 10.20 break

10.20 – 11.40 Virtue and Politics

Kálmán Tóth (Ludovika University of Public Service): Is Self-Proclaimed Excellence a Political Virtue? Modern and Contemporary British Political Culture in the Light of Aristotelian Virtue-Ethics

José Maria Duarte (Lisbon University): Friendship as the Missing Ingredient in Modern Politics: Examining the Role of Friendship in Fostering Virtue in the Works of Aristotle and Cicero

Ferenc Hörcher (Ludovika University of Public Service): Virtue and Conflicts: Two Aspects of Aristotle's Concept of Politics

12.00 – 13.00 Keynote I.

Erik Bootsma (Catholic Distance University): Architecture and the Culture of a Nation

13.00 – 14.00 break

14.00 – 15.00 Keynote II.

David McPherson (University of Florida): Does Neo-Aristotelian Virtues Ethics Need a Neo-Aristotelian Politics?

15.00 – 15.20 break

15.20 – 16.40 New Readings of Aristotle, Neo-Aristotelian thought

Clifford Bates (Norwich University): Aristotle on Force, Fraud, and Consent: Re-evaluating the Importance of Politics 5, Chapter 4.

Tamás Nyirkos (Ludovika University of Public Service): The Tyranny of the Majority: an Aristotelian View

Rafał Paweł Wierchosławski (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań): How to be Neo-Aristotelian in Politics today?

16.40 – 17.00 break

17.00 – 18.20 Aristotle and Contemporary thinkers

António Capela (AESE Business School): Bridging Polarized Divides. A Comparative Analysis of Guardini's Polar Philosophy and Aristotle's Golden Mean

António Pedro Barreiro (Catholic University of Portugal): Make Aristotle Great Again: Measuring Fukuyama's 'End of History' and Nietzsche's 'Last Man' against a Neo-Aristotelian Framework

Ádám Smrcz (Ludovika University of Public Service): The Tragedy of the Commons as the Tragedy of the Private Sphere – Arendt's Remarks on an Aristotelian Idea

