

Einladung zum Gastvortrag und Book Symposium

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Form, Matter, Substance

Mi., 8. Mai 2019, 18:00 Uhr s. t., Seminarraum VI (Karl-Rahner-Platz 3)

In this presentation, I introduce and present highlights from my recent book, *Form, Matter, Substance* (Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, 2018). In this book, I defend a hylomorphic analysis of concrete particular objects (e.g., living organisms). The Aristotelian doctrine of hylomorphism holds that those entities that fall under it are compounds of matter (*hylē*) and form (*morphē* or *eidos*). I argue that a hylomorphic analysis of concrete particular objects is well-equipped to compete with alternative approaches when measured against a wide range of criteria of success. A successful application of the doctrine of hylomorphism to the special case of concrete particular objects, however, hinges on how hylomorphists conceive of the matter composing a concrete particular object, its form, and the hylomorphic relations which hold between a matter-form compound, its matter and its form. Through the detailed answers to these questions I develop in this book, matter-form compounds, despite their metaphysical complexity, emerge as occupying the privileged ontological status traditionally associated with substances, due in particular to their high degree of unity.



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Book Symposium

Do., 9. Mai 2019, 8:30–18:00 Uhr, Seminarraum VI (Karl-Rahner-Platz 3)

Mit Vorträgen von Winfried Löffler, Uwe Meixner, Benjamin Schnieder, Stephan Herzberg, Christian Kanzian und Josef Quitterer. Die Vorträge sind auf Englisch und Deutsch.

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