



Department of Philosophy Talk

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Aristotelian Universals, Ground, and Higher Order Metaphysics

What is the Aristotelian view of universals? I provide an overview of recent attempts to define it in modal, locative, and ground-theoretic terms and argue that none of them is satisfactory. I also provide a new definition in higher order terms. I then review a series of ground-theoretic arguments recently moved against the Aristotelian view and assess whether the switch to higher order metaphysics blocks them.

BIO

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