

Causal Powers in Aristotle's Philosophy of Mind

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Key features of the book

The book is a monograph on the metaphysics of powers in Aristotle's philosophy of mind. It is an analytic discussion of philosophical problems extracted exegetically from Aristotle's texts. I review the ancient, medieval and contemporary alternative interpretations of these texts, and address the relevance of Aristotle's proposed solutions to contemporary debates. The monograph comprises:

- an original interpretation of Aristotle's ontology of *causation*
- the consequent account of *powers* in Aristotle: criteria of individuation
- an application of my interpretation of Aristotelian causal powers to three problems in his philosophy of mind:
 - o the metaphysical status of *sensible properties* (colours, sounds, etc);
 - o the unity of *perceptual consciousness* (perceiving a sweet white object);
 - o *self-awareness* (perceiving that I perceive)
- an account of the *realization* of powers according to Aristotle: what powers do before, and when they are realised
- an *ontological dependence* model arising from Aristotle's account of the realisation of causal powers
- the relevance and contribution of Aristotle's account of powers to theories of *properties as powers* currently under development in contemporary philosophy