

Call for Papers:
Infinite Regress Arguments and Non-Contradiction in Plato and Aristotle
Deadline 31st May 2018

Infinite Regress Arguments attempt to refute a position by showing that the position leads to an absurd infinite sequence. This argument strategy is used in collaborative reasoning in everyday life, in science and in philosophy. Infinite regress arguments are especially prominent in Plato and Aristotle. For example, if a Form is as Platonists think, there turn out to be an infinite number of Forms. However, it is unclear how and why infinite regress arguments are successful. Some infinities are totally unproblematic: there are an infinite number of natural numbers, for example. So why are infinite regress arguments effective? One under-developed hypothesis is that Infinite Regress Arguments tacitly rely on a principle of non-contradiction to generate the infinite sequence.

We will hold a two-day workshop on 12th-13th July, at the Federal University of ABC in Sao Paulo, Brazil. We welcome abstracts for papers that address infinite regress argument and/or the principle of non-contradiction in Plato and Aristotle. The working language will be English. Some funding is available for speakers' travel within Brazil.

Abstracts should be no more than 300 words for papers of 45-60 minutes presentation time.

Please submit abstracts, prepared for blind review, to mbduncombe@gmail.com. The deadline for submission is 31st May 2018. *Note the short deadline*. Please use the subject-line 'Regress Workshop'.

As part of the British Academy/ Newton Fund Mobility Grant, there will be a corresponding workshop on *Professionalization for Graduate Students in Philosophy* in Sao Paulo on 16th-17th July. This workshop will include sessions on publishing, CVs, applying for grants, applying for post-doctoral positions and equality and diversity within the profession. Registration for the professionalization workshop is on a first-come-first served basis, but graduate students who come to the infinite regress arguments workshop will be given priority.

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