

**ICS Calendar Title:** Aristotle, Aquinas and the Scholastic Approach to the History of Philosophy and Theology

**ICS Course Code:** ICS 220401 F10

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**Course Description:** The seminar examines the scholastic approach to the history of philosophy and theology exemplified by Etienne Gilson against the background of its foundation in the thought of Aristotle as it was appropriated by Thomas Aquinas in the thirteenth century. It examines the role that philosophy and theology's history plays in the conceptual constructions of scholastic thinkers, particularly in the context of a commitment to conceptual continuity.

**Course Requirements:** Participants in this seminar will be asked to prepare for weekly seminars by studying classroom readings with care so as to formulate two critical questions or theses complete with textual justification which will be handed in after every class. These questions or theses will help to provide the frame for seminar discussion. In the second place, each participant will be asked to take leadership of one seminar in the course of the semester, i.e., to introduce the reading to the seminar as a whole with a view to providing a primary frame for the seminar discussion. In the third place, participants will be asked to produce a course essay of 15-25 pages (15-20 M.A. level, 20-25 Ph.D. level) on a topic mutually agreeable to participant and instructor. Normally, this essay will be due six weeks after the last class of the seminar. A complete outline and bibliography will be due on the last class of the seminar.

### **Required Readings:**

#### **Section One: Thomas as Expositor of Aristotle Philosophizing via Philosophy's History**

1. Opening Lecture—Philosophizing by Ligature via Philosophy's History
2. Reading—Thomas Aquinas, [\*Commentary on Aristotle's Metaphysics I\*](#), Prol.-Lesson 4 (= *Metaphysics* 980a21-984a18 and Thomas' comments 1-92) (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B434 .T54)
3. Reading—Thomas Aquinas, [\*Commentary on Aristotle's Metaphysics I\*](#), Lesson 5-Lesson 11 (= *Metaphysics* 984a18-988b21 and Thomas' comments 93-180) (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B434 .T54)
4. Reading—Thomas Aquinas, [\*Commentary on Aristotle's Metaphysics I\*](#), Lesson 12-Lesson 17 (= *Metaphysics* 988b21-993a27 and Thomas' comments 181-272) (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B434 .T54)
5. Reading—Thomas Aquinas, [\*Commentary on Aristotle's Metaphysics II\*](#), Lesson 1-Lesson 5 (= *Metaphysics* 993a30-995a20 and Thomas' comments 273-337) (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B434 .T54)

#### **Section Two: Thomas Theologizing by Ligature via Philosophy's History**

6. Reading—Thomas Aquinas, [\*Summa contra Gentiles\*](#) II.40-45.118-139; II.56-70.164-212 (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BX1749 .T4 1955 Bk.2)

7. Reading—Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologiae* I.44.2 (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BX1749 .T46 1964 v.1); and *De Potentia* III.5.

### **Section Three: Etienne Gilson Philosophizing (as Thomist) by Ligature via Philosophy's History**

8. Reading—Etienne Gilson, *Being and Some Philosophers* Chapter One: 1-40 (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD331 .G495 1961)
9. Reading—Etienne Gilson, *Being and Some Philosophers* Chapter Two: 41-73 (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD331 .G495 1961)
10. Reading—Etienne Gilson, *Being and Some Philosophers* Chapter Three: 74-107 (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD331 .G495 1961)7
11. Reading—Etienne Gilson, *Being and Some Philosophers* Chapter 4: 108-153. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD331 .G495 1961)
12. Reading—Etienne Gilson, *Being and Some Philosophers* Chapter 5: 154-189. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD331 .G495 1961)
13. Reading—Etienne Gilson, *Being and Some Philosophers* Chapter 6: 190-232 (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BD331 .G495 1961)

### **Recommended Readings (re: the historiography of scholastic approaches to the history of philosophy):**

- Barry, Robert M. "History of Christian Philosophy in the Middle Ages." *Journal of the History of Ideas* 20 (1959) 105-110. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf)
- Bauerschmidt, Frederick Christian. "Shouting in the Land of the Hard of Hearing: On Being a Hillbilly Thomist." *Modern Theology* 20 (2004) 163-183. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf)
- Boyle, Leonard E. O.P. *Facing History: A Different Thomas Aquinas*. Louvain-la-Neuve: FIEM, 2000. (ROBA: B765 .T5 B695 2000 )
- Bréhier, Emile. "Comment je comprends l'histoire de la philosophie?" *Etudes de philosophie antique*. Paris: Presses Universitaires de France, 1955. 1-9.
- Bréhier, Emile. "The Formation of Our History of Philosophy" in *Philosophy and History*. Eds. R. Klibansky and H.J. Paton. New York: Harper and Row, 1963. 159-172. (KNOX: D16.8 .K52 1963)
- Breznik, V.B. *One Hundred years of Thomism*. Houston: Centre for Thomistic Studies/University of St. Thomas, 1981. (SMC: B839 .O53 1981)
- Cessario, Romanus O.P. *A Short History of Thomism*. Washington D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 2005. (ROBA: B765 .T54 C4613 2005X)
- Colish, Marsha L. "St. Thomas Aquinas in Historical Perspective: The Modern Period." *Church History: Studies in Christianity and Culture* 44 (1975) 433-449. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf)
- Copleston, Frederick. *On the History of Philosophy and Other Essays*. Totowa, N.J.: Barnes and Noble, 1979. (ROBA: B29 .C658)
- Del Colle, R. "New Scholasticism." *The Blackwell Companion to Nineteenth-Century Theology*. Ed. David A. Fergusson. Oxford: Blackwell, 2010. 375-397. (ROBA: BT28 .B55 2010X )

- English, Adam C. *The Possibility of Christian Philosophy: Maurice Blondel and the Intersection of Theology and Philosophy*. London/New York: Routledge, 2007. (ROBA: B2430 .B584 E54 2007)
- Ernst, H.E. "New Horizons and Catholic Philosophical Theology: Fides et Ratio and the Changed Status of Thomism." *The Heythrop Journal* 47 (2006) 26-37. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf)
- Gracia, Jorge J.E. *Philosophy and Its History: Issues in Philosophical Historiography*. Albany: SUNY, 1992. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B514 .G73)
- Gilson, Etienne. *History of Philosophy and Philosophical Education* Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 1948. (SMC: B52 .G5 )
- Haldane, J. "Thomism and the Future of Catholic Philosophy." *New Blackfriars* 80 (1999) 158-169. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf)
- Hartley, Thomas J.A. *Thomistic Revival and the Modernist Era*. Toronto: University of St. Michael's College, 1975. (ROBA: B839 .H37 )
- Hennesey, James. "Leo XIII: Intellectualizing the Combat with Modernity." *U.S. Catholic Historian* 7,4 (Fall 1988) 393-400. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf)
- Jordan, Mark. *Rewritten Theology: Aquinas After His Readers*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2006. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BX4700 .T6 J67 2006)
- Kerr, Fergus O.P. "Recent Thomistica I." *New Blackfriars* 83 (2002) 245-251. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf)
- Kerr, Fergus O.P. "Recent Thomistica II." *New Blackfriars* 84 (2003) 148-155. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf)
- Kerr, Fergus O.P. *After Aquinas: Versions of Thomas*. Oxford: Blackwell, 2002. (TRIN: B839 .K47 2002)
- Knasas, John F.X. *Being and Some Twentieth-Century Thomists*. New York: Fordham University Press, 2003. (ROBA: B839 .K65 2003X)
- Little, J.A. *Toward a Thomist Methodology*. Lewiston NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 1988. (ROBA: BT40 .L57 1988)
- Lutz, Christopher Stephen. *Tradition in the Ethics of Alisdair MacIntyre: Relativism, Thomism and Philosophy*. Lanham MD: Lexington Books, 2004. (ROBA: B1647 .M124 L88 2004X)
- MacIntyre, Alisdair. *Three Rival Versions of Moral Enquiry*. Notre Dame IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1990. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BJ37 .M23 1990)
- MacIntyre, Alistair. "The Relationship of Philosophy to Its Past." *Philosophy in History: Essays on Historiography of Philosophy*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1984. 31-48. (TRIN: B73 .P48 1986)
- McCool, Gerard S.J. *The Neo-Thomists*. Milwaukee: Marquette University Press, 1994. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B839 .M395 1994)
- McCool, Gerard S.J. *Nineteenth-Century Scholasticism: The Search for a Unitary Method*. New York: Fordham University Press, 1989. (SMC: BX1747 .M25 1989)
- McGucken, T. "A Century of Pontifical Thomism." *New Blackfriars* 72 (1991) 377-384. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf)
- McKeon, Richard. "Plato and Aristotle as Historians: A Study of Method in the History of Ideas." *Thought, Action and Passion*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1954. 54-88. (TRIN: B945 .M287 T5 Storage)

- Nichols, Aidan O.P. *Discovering Aquinas: An Introduction to his Life, Work and Influence*. Grand Rapids MI: Eerdmans, 2002. (ROBA: B765 .T54 N53 2002)
- Nichols, Aidan O.P. and Tracy Rowlands. *Culture and the Thomist Tradition*. London/New York: Routledge, 2003. (ROBA: BX1795 .C85 R68 2003)
- O'Meara, Thomas F. *Thomas Aquinas, Theologian*. Notre Dame IN: University of Notre Dame Press, 1997. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BX4700 .T6 O44 1997)
- Pegis, A.C. "After Seven Hundred Years: St. Thomas Aquinas in 1974." *Eglise et théologie*. 5 (1974): 137-153. (REGIS: PER)
- Prouvost, G ery. *Thomas d'Aquin et les thomistes: Essai sur l'histoire des thomismes*. Paris: L' dition du CERF, 1996.
- Redpath, Peter A. ed. *A Thomistic Tapestry: Essays in Memory of Etienne Gilson*. Amsterdam/New York: Rodopi, 2003. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: B2430 .G474 T46 2003; ROBA: B2430 .G474 T46 2003)
- Renard, A. *La querelle sur la possibilit  de la philosophie chr tienne. Essai documentaire et critique*. Paris: Editions Ecole et Coll ge, 1941. (PIMS: BQT 234 .R45 )
- Roensch, Frederick .J. *Early Thomistic School*. Dubuque IA: Priory Press, 1964. (ROBA: B734 .R6)
- Saint Thomas au XIVe si cle*. Special Issue of *Revue Thomiste* (Jan.-March, 1997). (PIMS: PER)
- Saint Thomas au XXe si cle*. Paris: Saint-Paul, 2002).
- Shanley, Brian. *The Thomist Tradition*. Handbook of Contemporary Philosophy of Religion. Dordrecht: Kluwer, 2002. (ROBA: B765 .T54 S483 2002)
- Shanley, Brian. "One Hundred Years of Philosophy." *The Thomist* 69 (2005) 488-491. (SMC: BX801 .T5 v.69 2005)
- Smit, M.C. *De verhouding van Christendom en Historie in de huidige Rooms-Katholieke geschiedbeschouwing* Kampen: Kok, 1950. (ICS Library Reserve Shelf: BR115 .H5 S58 c.1 )
- Van Riet, Georges. *Thomistic Epistemology: Studies Concerning the Problem of Cognition in the Contemporary Thomistic School*. Two Volumes. Trans. Gabriel Franks. L' pist mologie thomiste. London: B. Herder, 1963-1965. (SMC: BD162 .R513 196 v.1-2)
- Veatch, Henry B. "Introduction: On Trying to Be an Aristotelian or a Thomist in Today's World." *Swimming Against The Current in Contemporary Philosophy: Occasional Essays and Papers*. Washington D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, 1990. 1-20. (ROBA: B804 .V38 1990)