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Aristotle and Christianity

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PRESS RELEASE

Celebrating the 2400th anniversary from the birth of Aristotle, philosopher and scientist (384 BCE - 322 BCE) proclaimed by UNESCO, the School of Theology of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens holds an International Conference in Athens on “Aristotle and Christianity” on the 24th and 25th of November 2016. The opening day of the Conference (24.11.2016) will be held at the Central Building of the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, 30 Panepistimiou Str. The second day (25.11.2016) of the Conference will take place at the University of Athens’ History Museum, 5 Tholos Str., Plaka.

Aristotle’s work affects deeply every endeavour towards the theoretical conception and description of the way the natural world and human knowledge are organized. It converses creatively as well as critically with Plato’s philosophy while constantly becoming in the historical timeline a matter of edition and reception by other worldviews or philosophical paradigms not only as far as Western Europe is concerned but also the Christian and Islamic East. From this point of view the work of the Stagirite philosopher has been directly involved in the formation of Christianity’s theoretical jargon either employed or opposed.

The Athens School of Theology, the first School of the 1837 founded National and Kapodistrian University of Athens has always been imbued with the tradition of the ancient intellectual Schools of Athens. In the city where Aristotle and other pivotal Christian theologians, like Basil the Great, have lived and worked, we aim to bring together internationally renowned experts to talk about issues such as the role of Aristotelian thought in theological argumentation, the development of Christian ethics and political thought and the use of Aristotle in the Eastern and Western Church, as well as in the Byzantine and post-Byzantine educational programmes and curricula.

The working language of the Conference is Greek and English.

The Conference is free to attend for the public.

The Organising Committee