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Το Τμήμα Κλασικών Σπουδών και Φιλοσοφίας σας προσκαλεί στην 6η ομιλία της σειράς των **Δημωνάκτειων Διαλέξεων Φιλοσοφίας** για το ακαδημαϊκό έτος 2022/2023, η οποία θα πραγματοποιηθεί την **Τετάρτη 1^η Μαρτίου**, ώρα 18:30, στην Αίθουσα 115, ΧΩΔ 02, στην Πανεπιστημιούπολη, με θέμα:

Aristotle and Medieval Latin Alchemy

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The Arabic translations of the 12th century had a huge impact on medieval Latin thought. Among these translations there was a significant corpus of alchemical texts which was transmitted to medieval Latin scholars. These texts were concerned with philosophical ideas attributed to Aristotle and thus this new field of knowledge attracted the attention of many medieval philosophers. The medieval philosophers in turn have used Aristotle in order to either express themselves favorably towards alchemy or to utterly reject it. This presentation aims to explore this dynamic interaction between Aristotle and medieval alchemy by examining texts of the 13th century, a period during which Aristotelianism was the dominant philosophical example.

In this regard, my presentation will be divided in three parts:

- 1) I will first make an introduction on medieval alchemy and Aristotelianism.
- 2) I will present alchemical texts of the 13th century which clearly show how Aristotelian natural philosophy has influenced and shaped the alchemical ideas (positive and negative) of that period.
- 3) I will conclude by showing how Aristotelianism has influenced the societal image of alchemy during the Middle Ages.