Platonic Properties

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Plato's Theory of Forms has mostly been conceived by his later readers as a theory of universals or properties: that is, its primary aim is to explain the application of a single expression to distinct entities; or to explain relations of similarity among them. Some moderns disagree, both close readers of Plato's Greek and thoughtful metaphysicians alive to what it required of a proper realist theory of universals. Dominic Bailey, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Colorado, Boulder, presents fresh reasons for thinking Plato's theory is not one of universals, but also offers further reasons for why the matter is intrinsically irresoluble: for it requires some assumptions in philosophical psychology that can never with justification be brought to Plato, or any other historically distant writer. This event is co-sponsored with the CWRU Departments of Philosophy and Classics.

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