

**Ancient Commentators on Aristotle
Email Newsletter
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Many thanks for signing up to our occasional email newsletter. We do not expect to send more than 3 or 4 messages each year, so we shall not add too much to your no doubt already overloaded inboxes.

In this newsletter we report three things:

1. Two new volumes in press

After a brief pause since the celebration of 100 volumes in December 2012 we are delighted to announce that our next two volumes are in press: proofs have been checked and both are officially due to appear in December 2014. They are:

[Olympiodorus, *Life of Plato* and *On Plato First Alcibiades 1-9*, translated by Michael Griffin](#)

[Philoponus, *On Aristotle Categories 1-5*, translated by Riin Sirkel, Martin Tweedale, and John Harris, with Philoponus, *A Treatise Concerning the Whole and the Parts*, translated by Daniel King](#)

Both volumes in different ways address the question of where to begin when studying philosophy. Olympiodorus explains why it is that the beginning student of Plato ought to begin with the *First Alcibiades* and Michael Griffin's introduction places the commentary within the wider context of the Neoplatonic curriculum. Philoponus explains why the beginning student of philosophy ought to study logic before physics or ethics, before moving on to contribute to the ongoing ancient debate about the status of universals, the background to which is fully laid out in an introduction by Richard Sorabji. Metaphysical questions, this time about parts and wholes, also appear in the companion text, translated from Syriac. In his introduction Daniel King explains how Philoponus brings a problem from Aristotelian metaphysics to bear on contemporary theological debates about the trinity and the nature of Christ.

2. Online and paperback with Bloomsbury

These two new volumes will be the first to be printed under the [Bloomsbury Academic](#) imprint, with a new cover design replacing the plain multicoloured covers of the first 100 volumes. (Bloomsbury have already published 19 volumes for the series, but under the Bristol Classical Press imprint acquired from Duckworth.)

Bloomsbury are also making previously out of print volumes in the series available as print on demand hardbacks, as well as making all volumes available as ebooks and print on demand paperbacks.

Bloomsbury have also included the series in their new online platform [Bloomsbury Collections](#), offering online access to the whole series via libraries. We would encourage you to mention this to your institution's library.

3. New Bibliographical guide to the commentators

A bibliographical guide to the commentators by John Sellars has recently been published at [Oxford Bibliographies Online](#). Following the usual format of OSO, this offers an annotated guide to the subject, primarily aimed at those looking for orientation in the scholarly literature.

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