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“The Education of Desire in Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics”

Speaker

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About the Lecture

In the scholarship on Aristotle, much of the discussion on love has come in the context of friendship and especially self-love’s relation to friendship. Yet very little attention has been devoted to the role of love in virtue itself, which, as I hope to show, is more basic to the education of desire and hence to the ethical enterprise for Aristotle. To this end, I will discuss the nature, kinds and objects of love for Aristotle, and how these are integral to the harmony that is the virtuous individual. Finally, if I am right about the importance of love in virtue for Aristotle, then many central aspects of his thought need to be reconsidered, as I will be briefly show.

About the Speaker

Roopen Majithia completed his schooling in Bangalore and his higher education in the US and Canada. He holds a PhD in Philosophy from the joint program at MacMaster University and the University of Guelph and is currently the Head of Philosophy at Mount Allison University in Canada, where he teaches widely in the History of Western Philosophy and Indian Philosophy as well as in Ethics. He has written and published on Plato, Aristotle, Shankara and the Bhagavad Gita.