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Persuasion and Moral Education in Aristotle

Job information		
	Organisation / Entreprise	Université de Caen Normandie
	Research Field	Humanities and social sciences
	Researcher Profile	First Stage Researcher (R1)
	Country	France
	Application Deadline	10/05/2026
	Type of Contract	Temporary (3 years), from october 2026
	Job Status	Full time
	Is the Job funded through the UE Research Framework Programme ?	NO
	Is the Job related to staff position within a Research Infrastructure ?	NO
Offer description		
	<p>This dissertation will examine the role played by persuasion (<i>pistis</i>) in Aristotle's political project of educating future citizens in virtue, with particular reference to the <i>Politics</i> and the <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>. The function of <i>pistis</i> in Aristotle's practical philosophy has thus far been</p>	

	<p>underestimated in the scholarly literature.</p> <p>This doctoral research will investigate the hypothesis that legislation is not the sole means of making human beings virtuous, but that it is also possible to guide human action toward the good through persuasion. It will therefore be necessary to consider how persuasion can “harmonize” (<i>sumphonein</i>) the parts of the soul and lead individuals to adopt virtuous behavior willingly, without requiring them to grasp extended chains of reasoning or to submit to the coercive force of the law.</p> <p>The study of Aristotle will be conducted in dialogue with both the Platonic and the Sophistic traditions, and will be situated within the historical context of Athenian democracy. This broader perspective will make it possible to identify both the continuities and the shifts through which Aristotle approaches the problem of the articulation between moral education, legislation, and persuasion—an articulation that ultimately raises the issues of psychological harmony (<i>sumphonia</i>) and political concord (<i>homonoia</i>).</p>	
	Salary placement	2300 € / month
Requirements		
	Admission requirements	Holding a Master’s Degree
	Eligibility	Subject to the acceptance of the head of the institution, on the proposal of the ED director after consultation with the director of the research team and the thesis supervisor
Application		
		<p>A complete application must contain :</p> <p>(1) A personal letter with a brief description of your research interests and motivation</p> <p>(2) A curriculum vitae (CV)</p>

		(3) <i>Certified copies of grades, diplomas, and documentation of completed academic courses</i> (4) Contact information for two references
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