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## Aristoteles' Kategorienschrift in ihrer antiken Kommentierung

Aristotle's *Categories* are still widely seen as being incompatible with both Aristotle's later analysis of *ousia* (in *Metaphysics Z*) and Plato's ontology. Porphyry's attempt to make sense of this work within a Neoplatonic context is considered, in turn, both as failing to do justice to Aristotle and as directed against Plotinus' purported criticism of Aristotle's *Categories*. Rainer Thiel shows that the Neoplatonic commentaries on the *Categories* that go back to Prophyry's reading can be viewed as a valid interpretation of Aristotle which does not contradict Plotinus' view, but in fact can be traced back to him. Plotinus himself does not criticize Aristotle; he does however criticize certain middle-Platonic readings of the *Categories*.

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