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DELVING INTO STOIC LOGIC: AN EXPLORATION

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Abstract

The prevalent narrative emphasizes the contributions to ancient logic primarily by thinkers affiliated with the Peripatetic school. However, this assertion appears limited in light of historical evidence revealing the involvement of non-Peripatetic thinkers who focused on logic and made substantial intellectual strides. Delving into the annals of ancient logic, two distinguished schools emerge: the Peripatetic school, attributed to Aristotle as its founder, and the Stoic school of logic, initially traced back to Zeno. Chrysippus furthered the Stoic school by building upon the teachings of Megarian philosophers, yet its recognition remains comparatively eclipsed, particularly in conventional logic literature where the focus predominantly gravitates toward the Peripatetic school.

This scholarly endeavor seeks to address this imbalance by undertaking an exploration into the Stoic school of logic, duly acknowledging the substantive contributions of Stoic thinkers in the realm of logic. Section I of this paper delineates the historical context surrounding Stoic logic. Section II succinctly outlines the core subject matter and pivotal concepts within Stoic logic. Section III rigorously analyzes these foundational tenets. Finally, Section IV synthesizes the discussions, presenting the conclusion drawn from the comprehensive examination of the Stoic school's logical framework.

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