

'Boethius on Relatives and Relation'

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The chapter in the *Categories* on relatives is one of Aristotle's more puzzling pronouncements. Boethius's reading of it, in his commentary on Aristotle's text and in his *On the Trinity* (Theological Treatise 1), were central to the discussion of relatives and relations in the period up to 1200. I shall concentrate on explaining Boethius's views, with a short discussion of their influence in the following centuries.