Épistémologie historique italienne

Ce dossier propose une étude de la déclinaison originale de l’“épistémologie historique” telle qu'elle s'est développée en Italie au XXe siècle dans les œuvres de Federigo Enriques, Giovanni Vailati, Mario Calderoni, Bruno de Finetti, Ludovico Geymonat, Giulio Preti et Enzo Melandri. Chacune de ces figurations de l'épistémologie italienne représente une étape, mais une possibilité au sein d'une problématique philosophique qui, faute d'avoir connu une évolution linéaire, s'est efforcée de penser les sciences à partir d'un rapport incon-cevable à une histoire politique et intellectuelle extrêmement tourmentée et souvent tragique.

Features
- Une approche synthétique d'un courant philosophique encore peu étudié
- La seule étude en français sur ce thème
- Une approche originale et complémentaire des problématiques de l'épistémologie historique très développées en France

Fields of interest
Philosophie;

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Contributed volume

Evolution 2.0
Implications of Darwinism in Philosophy and the Social and Natural Sciences

This book of essays by leading scientists and philosophers, aims to showcase and explore challenging and open problems at the forefront of modern Darwinism, including philosophical aspects. This interdisciplinary volume is unique in that it considers the key notions of evolutionary theory in approaches to the mind, in the philosophy of biology, in the social sciences and the humanities, as well as recent challenges to and extensions of Neo-Darwinism. The essays demonstrate that Darwinism is an evolving paradigm, with a sphere of influence far greater than Darwin could have imagined when he published The Origin of Species in 1859.

Features
- Explores applications of evolutionary theory in psychology, social sciences and beyond
- Demonstrates the power of "Darwinian thinking" in understanding developmental processes
- Presents the evolution theory and its applications at a level which is accessible to non-specialists and newcomers

From the contents

Fields of interest
Philosophy of Biology; Evolutionary Biology; Sociology

Target groups
Lower undergraduate

Type of publication
Monograph

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Due July 2011

2011. 156 p. (Revue de Synthèse) Softcover
- approx. € 22,75 | £19.99

2011. 400 p. 20 illus. (The Frontiers Collection) Hardcover
- approx. € 59,95 | £53.99

Only available in print

2011. XVIII, 486 p. (The Western Ontario Series in Philosophy of Science, Volume 75) Hardcover
- € 139,95 | £126.00

Available

2011. 848 p. (The Frontiers Collection) Hardcover
- approx. € 65,95 | sFr 86,00

ISBN 978-3-642-20495-1
ISBN 978-3-642-20496-8
ISBN 978-94-007-0213-4
ISBN 978-94-007-0007-7
ISBN 978-94-007-0121-4
The Renaissance of Confucianism in Contemporary China

A new generation of Confucian scholars is coming of age. China is reawakening to the power and importance of its own culture. This volume provides a unique view of the emerging Confucian vision for China and the world in the 21st century. Unlike the Neo-Confucians sojourning in North America who recast Confucianism in terms of modern Western values, this new generation of Chinese scholars takes the authentic roots of Confucian thought seriously. This collection of essays offers the first critical exploration in English of the emerging Confucian, non-liberal, non-social-democratic, moral and political vision for China’s future.

Features
► A unique non-European vision of the debate in China regarding the place of Confucianism in its future
► An access for the first time in English to the new Chinese Confucian scholars who are attempting to reinvigorate Confucianism as the moral, cultural, and political anchor for a China self-consciously free of European cultural dominance
► A collection indispensable for Chinese studies in presenting the new Confucian challenge to Western assumptions regarding a global ethics and an account of appropriate governance
► A presentation of a watershed change in Chinese thought likely to shape the character of the 21st century. No one exploring cultural development should be without the resources offered by this volume’s seminal picture of a reawakening Confucian Chinese self-consciousness

Fields of interest
Non-Western Philosophy; Philosophy; Ethics

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Contributed volume

Critical Communities and Aesthetic Practices

Dialogues with Tony O’Connor on Society, Art, and Friendship

This publication brings together eminent international philosophers to discuss the interdependence of critical communities and aesthetic practices. The contributions share a hermeneutical commitment to dialogue as both a model for critique and as a generator of community. Two conclusions emerge from this. First that one’s relationships with others will always be central in determining the social, political, and artistic forms that philosophical self-reflection takes. And second that our practices of aesthetic judgment are bound up with our efforts as philosophers to adapt ourselves and our objects of interest to the inescapably historical and indeterminate conditions of experience. The papers address the issue that critical communities and aesthetic practices are never politically neutral and can never be abstracted from their particular context.

Features
► Current critical perspectives on the contemporary relevance of aesthetics
► Committed contemporary positions theorizing open, unrepeatable and un-predictable communities, such as audiences, peers and friends, in critical discourse
► Explorations of dialogue and aesthetic practice both as models for critique and as generators of communities
► Authors includes eminent international philosophers who address contemporary debates in philosophical hermeneutics and phenomenology on aesthetics and politics

Fields of interest
Phenomenology; Political Philosophy; Aesthetics

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Contributed volume

Questioning Cosmopolitanism

This book aims to provide cutting edge essays by leading scholars on cosmopolitanism. Cosmopolitanism is an emerging movement in global ethics and provides a meeting point between theorists of international law, political science, political philosophy, applied ethics, economics, development studies, and international relations. The second International Conference of the International Global Ethics Association will be held in Melbourne, Australia in June 2008 on the theme of ‘Questioning Cosmopolitanism’ and will attract major scholars from around the world. It is envisaged that the best essays from this conference will be published in the proposed book.

Features
► Contains the very latest in research on cosmopolitanism as a concept in political philosophy and in ethics
► Presents the work of the world’s leading scholars in this field
► Written in a style accessible to interested lay people as well as scholars and researchers in the relevant fields
► Brings together ideas from both the Western and non-Western traditions

From the contents

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H. Kenaan, I. Ferber, Tel-Aviv University, Israel (Eds.)

**Philosophy’s Moods: The Affective Grounds of Thinking**

Philosophy’s Moods is a collection of original essays interrogating the inseparable bond between mood and philosophical thinking. What is the relationship between mood and thinking in philosophy? In what sense are we always already philosophizing from within a mood? What kinds of mood are central for shaping the space of philosophy? What is the philosophical imprint of Aristotle’s wonder, Kant’s melancholy, Kierkegaard’s anxiety or Nietzsche’s shamelessness? Philosophy’s Moods invites its readers to explore the above questions through diverse methodological perspectives. The collection includes twenty-one contributions by internationally renowned scholars as well as younger and emerging voices. In pondering the place of the subjective and personal roots that thinking is typically called to overcome, the book challenges and articulates an alternative to a predominant tendency in philosophy to view the theoretical content and the affective side of thought as opposed to one another.

**Features**
- First systematic and comprehensive contribution to the contemporary philosophical debate on the nature of moods
- An interrogation of the inseparable bond between mood and the possibility of thinking
- Presents a strong statement in the debate on moods, a debate which in recent years has become central to the contemporary philosophical discourse
- Challenges and articulates an alternative to a predominant tendency in philosophy to view the theoretical content and the affective side of thought as opposed to one another

**Fields of interest**
Phenomenology; Philosophy of Mind; Cognitive Psychology

**Target groups**
Research

**Type of publication**
Contributed volume

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P. Lukowski, University of Lodz, Poland

**Paradoxes**

Translated by: M. Gensler

This book provides a critical approach to all major logical paradoxes: from ancient to contemporary ones. There are four key aims of the book: 1. Providing systematic and historical survey of different approaches – solutions of the most prominent paradoxes discussed in the logical and philosophical literature. 2. Introducing original solutions of major paradoxes like: Liar paradox, Protagoras paradox, an unexpected examination paradox, stone paradox, crocodile, Newcomb paradox. 3. Explaining the far-reaching significance of paradoxes of vagueness and change for philosophy and ontology. 4. Proposing a novel, well justified and, as it seems, natural classification of paradoxes.

**Features**
- First book where the classification of paradoxes is based upon their essence, i.e. the problem being the core of the paradox
- First presentation of simple and natural solution of the Liar Paradox
- First publication of new and simple solutions of the following paradoxes: Protagoras, Newcomb, stone, crocodile, unexpected examination
- The book applies logical criteria in solving philosophical problems
- The book shows the impossibility of adequate and precise expression of the world in language
- Presents new solutions of the most notorious logical problems, frequently called insoluble ones

**Fields of interest**
Logic; Philosophy

**Target groups**
Research

**Type of publication**
Monograph

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Due May 2011


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During the summer of 2011, the following books became available:

**Due June 2011**

2011. X, 210 p. (Contributions To Phenomenology, Volume 63) Hardcover
- approx. € 99,95 | £90.00
- Approx. *€ (D) 106.95 | € (A) 109.95 | sFr 143,50
ISBN 978-94-007-1502-8

**Due July 2011**

- approx. € 99,95 | £90.00
- Approx. *€ (D) 106.95 | € (A) 109.95 | sFr 143,50

2010. 165 p. 21 illus. (Trends in Logic, Volume 31) Hardcover
- *€ (D) 106.95 | € (A) 109.95 | sFr 143,50
The Growing Gap Between Emerging Technologies and Legal-Ethical Oversight

The Pacing Problem

At the same time that the pace of science and technology has greatly accelerated in recent decades, our legal and ethical oversight mechanisms have become bogged down and slower. This book addresses the growing gap between the pace of science and technology and the lagging responsiveness of legal and ethical oversight society relies on to govern emerging technologies. Whether it be biotechnology, genetic testing, nanotechnology, synthetic biology, computer privacy, autonomous robotics, or any of the other many emerging technologies, new approaches are needed to ensure appropriate and timely regulatory responses. This book documents the problem and offers a toolbox of potential regulatory and governance approaches that might be used to ensure more responsive oversight.

Features
► First book at address a major and growing problem with emerging technologies ► Provides concrete suggestions for solutions in addition to documenting problem ► Includes chapters from many of the leading experts in technology and regulatory policy

Fields of interest
Ethics; Nanotechnology and Microengineering; Philosophy of Law

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Contributed volume

Morning Hours
Lectures on God’s Existence

The last work published by Moses Mendelssohn during his lifetime, Morning Hours (1785) is also the most sustained presentation of his mature epistemological and metaphysical views, all elaborated in the service of presenting proofs for the existence of God. But Morning Hours is much more than a theoretical treatise. It also plays a central role in the drama of the Pantheismusstreit, Mendelssohn’s “dispute” with F. H. Jacobi over the nature and scope of Lessing’s attitude toward Spinoza and “pantheism”. As the latest salvo in a war of texts with Jacobi, Morning Hours is also Mendelssohn’s attempt to set the record straight regarding his beloved Lessing in this connection, not least by demonstrating the absence of any practical (i.e., religious or moral) difference between theism and a “purified pantheism”.

Features
► The only available English translation of the crowning philosophical treatise of Mendelssohn’s career ► A nuanced but controversial reconciliation of a “refined pantheism” with religion and morality ► Exemplifies a distinctively Jewish insight into the relation between philosophy and purely verbal disputes ► Argues for approval’s irreducibility to knowledge or desire, with enormous consequences for aesthetics

From the contents

Fields of interest
History of Philosophy; Interdisciplinary Studies

Target groups
Philosophy

Type of publication
Monograph

Interpretation of Law in the Age of Enlightenment

From the Rule of the King to the Rule of Law

A collaboration of leading historians of European law and philosophers of law and politics identifying and explaining the practice of interpretation of law in the 18th century. The goal: establishing the actual practice in the Age of Enlightenment, and explaining why this was the case. The ideology of the Age was that law, i.e., the will of the sovereign, can be explicitly and appropriately stated, thus making interpretation redundant. However, the reality was that in the 18th century, there was no one leading source of national law that would be the object of interpretation. Instead, there was a plurality of sources of law: the Roman Law, local customary law, and the royal ordinance. However, in deciding a case in a court of law, the law must speak with one voice. Hence, interpretation to unify the norms was inevitable. What was the process? What role did justification in terms of reason, the hallmark of the Enlightenment, play? These are some of the questions addressed.

Features
► Unique interdisciplinary work in an unexplored field ► A collaboration of leading historians of European law ► Provides a missing link to those working in related disciplines. Historical reflection on how a governing ideology actually plays out in public institutions ► Provides important relevance to various disciplines related to textual interpretation

Fields of interest
Philosophy of Law; Roman Law/Law History/Canon Law; Political Science

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Monograph

Due June 2011

M. Mendelssohn, Berlin; D. O. Dahlstrom, Boston University, Boston, MA, USA; C. Dyck, University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada (Eds.)

Y. Morigiwa, Nagoya University Graduate School of Law, Nagoya, Japan; M. Stolleis, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History, Frankfurt/Main, Germany; J. Halperin, Ecole Normale Superieure, Paris, France (Eds.)

► € 99,95 | £90.00
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2011. X, 134 p. (Studies in German Idealism, Volume 12) Hardcover
► € 99,95 | £90.00
► ~ € (D) 106,95 | ~ € (A) 109,95 | sFr 143,50
ISBN 978-94-007-1505-9

2011. XXVI, 118 p. (Law and Philosophy Library, Volume 95) Hardcover
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**Collected Papers V. Phenomenology and the Social Sciences**

This book shows how phenomenology of the social sciences differs from positivist approaches, and presents Schutz’s theory of relevance—a key feature of his own phenomenology of the social world. It begins with Schutz’s appraisal of how Husserl influenced him, and continues with exchanges between Schutz and Eric Voegelin, Felix Kaufmann, Aron Gurwitsch, and Talcott Parsons. This book presents, for the first time, Schutz’s incisive criticisms of T.S. Eliot’s theory of culture, and an ethnographic description of Schutz diary on visiting for the first time the United States.

**Features**
- This text draws together several, formerly scattered key texts of Alfred Schutz, the foremost phenomenologist to bring phenomenology to bear on the social sciences.
- Contains Schutz’s letters, many of them selected and translated for the first time, corresponding with other significant social scientists and philosophers.
- Reveals new sides of Schutz in the Eliot essay.

**Contents**
- Editorial Introduction by Michael Barber.
- Life Forms and Meaning Structures.
- The Problem of Personality in the Social World.
- Two Goethe Texts: “Wilhelm Meister’s Lehrjahre” (Wilhelm Meister’s Year of Apprenticeship) and “Zu Wilhelm Meisters Wanderjahren” (On Wilhelm Meister’s Years of Travel).

**Fields of interest**
- Phenomenology; Languages and Literature
- Research

**Target groups**
- Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- Research

**Type of publication**
- Collected works

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**Collected Papers VI. Literary Reality and Relationships**

This book contains texts devoted by Alfred Schutz to the “normative” areas of literature and ethics. It includes writings dealing with the author-reader relationship, multiple realities, the literary province of meaning, and Schutz’s views on equality. Never published in English commentaries on Goethe’s novel and the account of personality in the social world appear in this volume.

**Features**
- A collection of previously scattered works of Alfred Schutz, the most famous phenomenologist to have related phenomenology to the cultural sciences.
- All of Schutz’s work presented in the volume have never appeared in English before.
- Presents works from a neglected side of the Schutz corpus, namely writings on normative areas such as aesthetics and ethics.

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**Fields of interest**
- Phenomenology; Languages and Literature
- Research

**Target groups**
- Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- Research

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- Collected works

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**The Shame of Reason in Organizational Change**

A Levinassian Perspective

Rational thought according to Levinas has the merit of making the world lucid and controllable. But at the same time it strips things and people of their identity and incorporates them in a homogenized rational order. Illusory, but nonetheless oppressive. Rationality’s totalitarian character can provoke resistance and grief with people who are enlisted by it. This can lead to a shameful confrontation in which the thinker is being confronted with his victim’s resistance and sees himself and his thinking made questionable. By proceeding along this route, thinking can be brought to self-criticism and to revision of standpoint. This description by Levinas of rational thinking shows similarity to what managers do in organizations. They make their business controllable, but at the same time with their planning and schemes they create a totalitarian straitjacket.

**Features**
- Emphasizes the value of Levinas’ philosophy in the field of Business Ethics.
- Presents Levinas as a pragmatist rather than a moralist.
- Introduces experience (viz: that of shame, distress and anxiety) into organizational discourse.
- Connects to people’s concerns about the roots of the financial crisis.

**Fields of interest**
- Ethics; Business/Management Science, general; Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- Research

**Target groups**
- Philosophy of the Social Sciences
- Research

**Type of publication**
- Monograph
Strict Finitism and the Logic of Mathematical Applications

This book intends to show that radical naturalism (or physicalism), nominalism and strict finitism account for the applications of classical mathematics in current scientific theories. The applied mathematical theories developed in the book include the basics of calculus, metric space theory, complex analysis, Lebesgue integration, Hilbert spaces, and semi-Riemann geometry (sufficient for the applications in classical quantum mechanics and general relativity). The fact that so much applied mathematics can be developed within such a weak, strictly finitistic system, is surprising in itself. It also shows that the applications of those classical theories to the finite physical world can be translated into the applications of strict finitism, which demonstrates the applicability of those classical theories without assuming the literal truth of those theories or the reality of infinity. Both professional researchers and students of philosophy of mathematics will benefit greatly from reading this book.

Features
► Provides the first logical analysis of the applicability of infinite mathematics to finite physical things, by eliminating infinity in the applications
► Defends radical naturalism, nominalism and strict finitism while offering a literally true explanation of applicability
► Accessible to readers with only a knowledge of calculus and the basics of mathematical logic

Contents

Fields of interest
Philosophy of Science; Logic; Mathematical Logic and Foundations

Target groups
Research

Type of publication
Monograph

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