Jan Patočka and the Heritage of Phenomenology

Centenary Papers

Whereas for the wider public Jan Patočka is known mainly as a defender of human rights and one of the first spokespersons of Charter 77, who died in Prague several days after long interrogations by secret police of the Communist regime, the international philosophical community sees in him an important and inspiring thinker, who in an original way elaborated the great impulses of European thought – mainly Husserl’s phenomenology and Heidegger’s philosophy of existence. Patočka also reflected on history and the future of humanity in a globalized world and laid the foundations of an original philosophy of history.

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Ivan Chvatík, Preface; Vaclav Havel, Remembering Jan Patočka; Miroslav Petricek, Jan Patočka: Phenomenological Philosophy Today; Petr Pithart, Questioning as a Prerequisite for a Meaningful Protest; Martin Palouš, Jan Patočka’s Socratic Message for the 21st Century; Marc Crepon, Fear, Courage, Anger: the Socratic Lesson; Josef Moural (Prague): Patocka the 21st Century; Marc Crepon, Fear, Courage, Martin Palouš, Jan Patocka’s Socratic Message for a Globalized World; Miroslav Petrícek, Jan Patocka: Phenomenological Appropriation of Plato.

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Phenomenology; Philosophy of Mind; History of Philosophy

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Hybrid Logic and its Proof-Theory

This book is the first book-length treatment of hybrid logic and its proof-theory. Hybrid logic is an extension of ordinary modal logic which allows explicit reference to individual points in a model. The extra expressive power is useful for many applications, for example, when reasoning about time one often wants to formulate a series of statements about what happens at specific times. There is little consensus about proof-theory for ordinary modal logic. Many modal-style proof systems lack important properties and the relationships between proof systems for different modal logics are often unclear. The present book demonstrates that hybrid-style proof-theory remedies this lack of uniformity in ordinary modal-style proof systems.

Features
► Patocka’s high relevance confirmed by the leading phenomenologists
► Patocka’s constructive criticism of Husserl and Heidegger explained and accepted by the leading phenomenologists
► Jan Patocka – an unknown philosopher from behind the late “iron curtain” – is for the first time presented to a broader audience by the leading contemporary phenomenologists

Contents

Fields of interest
Logic; Mathematical Logic and Formal Languages; Mathematical Logic and Foundations

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Interactive Wittgenstein

Essays in Memory of Georg Henrik von Wright

The philosophical thought of Ludwig Wittgenstein continues to have a profound influence that transcends barriers between philosophical disciplines and reaches beyond philosophy itself. Less than one hundred years after their publication, his early masterpiece ‘Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus’ and the posthumously published ‘Philosophical Investigations’ have emerged as two classic philosophical texts, each of which has elicited widely divergent readings and spawned contesting schools of interpretation.

Features
► Contains the first English translation of the Frege-Wittgenstein correspondence
► Brings together the leading Wittgenstein scholars of this day and age
► Sheds an interesting new light on the thoughts of Wittgenstein and his peers

Contents
Editor’s Preface. - Acknowledgements. - Prefatory Note; Juliet Floyd. - Frege-Wittgenstein Correspondence; Juliet Floyd, Burt Dreben. - Interpretive Themes; Juliet Floyd. - ‘A Surrogate for the Soul’: Wittgenstein and Schoenberg; Eran Guter. - The Crash of the Philosophy of the Tractatus: The Testimony of Wittgenstein’s Notebooks in October 1929; Jaakko Hintikka. - Linguistic Regularity; David Pears. - On a Remark by Jukundus; Joachim Schulte.

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History of Philosophy; History of Science; Philosophy of Mind

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E. Abrams, Paris, France; I. Chvatik, Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic (Eds.)
La dimension imaginaire du réel dans la philosophie de Husserl

Cette étude propose une analyse précise de la conception husserlienne des images et de l’imagination. Elle s’agit d’en recenser les principaux traits et de fixer les définitions des notions clés. L’enjeu de ce travail dépasse largement la seule question de la nature de l’imagination : la manière dont Husserl repense l’imaginaire implique un bouleversement profond de notre conception du réel même. Ce dernier se révèle être beaucoup moins imuable, plus spirituel et flottant qu’on ne le croit communément. On peut montrer corrélativement que cette conception originale de l’imaginaire apporte un éclairage nouveau sur la réflexion de Husserl concernant la crise.

Features

- Etude de l’imaginaire comme dimension de la réalité.
- Recensement et analyse précise des concepts husserliens relatifs au champ de l’imaginaire.
- Etude non seule de la définition husserlienne de l’imaginaire, mais également de sa redéfinition de la notion de réalité en lien avec celle d’imaginaire.
- Analyse de la crise moderne à la lumière de la thèse dévoilant la dimension profonde de flottement du réel.

From the contents


Fields of interest

Phenomenology

Target groups

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M. Giovaneli, University of Turin, Italy

Reality and Negation – Kant’s Principle of Anticipation of Perception

An Investigation of its Impact on the Post-Kantian Debate

Kant, in the Critique of pure reason, only dedicates a few pages to the principle of Anticipations of Perception and only a few critical studies are outspokenly dedicated to this issue in recent critical literature. But if one considers the history of post-Kantian philosophy, one can immediately perceive the great importance of the new definition of the relationship between reality and negation, which Kant’s principle proposes. Critical philosophy is here radically opposed to the pre-critical metaphysical tradition: “Reality” no longer appears as absolutely positive being, which excludes all negativity from itself, and “negation” is not reduced to being a simple removal, the mere absence of being. Instead, reality and negation behave as an equally positive something in respect to one another such that negation is itself a reality that is actively opposed to another reality.

Features

- First monograph on Kant’s Anticipationen der Wahrnehmung; filling a great gap in secondary literature on Kant
- Offers an exploration of Anticipationen der Wahrnehmung and an overview of the post-Kantian debate about anticipations of perception
- Offers a combined historical and systematic approach

From the contents

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Fields of interest

History of Philosophy; Modern Philosophy

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P. Girard, University of Auckland, New Zealand; O. Roy, University of Groningen, The Netherlands; M. Marion, Université du Québec, Montréal, QC, Canada (Eds.)

Dynamic Formal Epistemology

This volume is a collation of original contributions from the key actors of a new trend in the contemporary theory of knowledge and belief, that we call “dynamic epistemology.” It brings the works of these researchers under a single umbrella by highlighting the coherence of their current themes, and by establishing connections between topics that, up until now, have been investigated independently. It also illustrates how the new analytical toolbox unveils questions about the theory of knowledge, belief, preference, action, and rationality, in a number of central axis in dynamic epistemology: temporal, social, probabilistic and even deontic dynamics.

Features

- First collection of essays on a lively new trend in philosophy
- Unique combination of probabilistic and logical approaches to the theory of knowledge, belief and rationality
- Addresses both formal and mainstream contemporary epistemology
- State of the art contributions by both leading and emerging researchers
- Accessible to researchers, graduate and undergraduate students

From the contents


Fields of interest

Epistemology; Models and Principles; Game Theory/Mathematical Methods

Target groups

Research

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Probabilistic Logic and Probabilistic Networks

While probabilistic logics in principle might be applied to solve a range of problems, in practice they are rarely applied - perhaps because they seem disparate, complicated, and computationally intractable. This programmatic book argues that several approaches to probabilistic logic fit into a simple unifying framework in which logically complex evidence is used to associate probability intervals or probabilities with sentences. Specifically, Part I shows that there is a natural way to present a question posed in probabilistic logic, and that various inferential procedures provide semantics for that question, while Part II shows that there is the potential to develop computationally feasible methods to mesh with this framework.

Features
- Presents a groundbreaking framework within which various approaches to probabilistic logic naturally fit
- Shows that there is potential to develop a general computational method for computing the required probabilities
- Allows one to contrast and compare common ways of reasoning under uncertainty

From the contents

Fields of interest
Philosophy of Science; Probability and Statistics in Computer Science; Statistical Theory and Methods

Target groups
Research

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Monograph

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M. Joy, University of Calgary, AB, Canada (Ed.)

Continental Philosophy and Philosophy of Religion

This is the first book that provides access to twelve Continental philosophers and the consequences of their thinking for the philosophy of religion. Basically, in the second half of the twentieth century, it has been treated from within the Anglo-American school of philosophy, which deals mainly with proofs and truths, and questions of faith. This approach is more concerned with human experience, and pays more attention to historical context and cultural influences. As such, it provides challenging questions about the way forward for philosophy of religion in the twenty-first century.

Features
- First comprehensive survey of the work of major Continental philosophers and the implications to philosophy of religion.
- It treats the work of Jacques Derrida, Gilles Deleuze, Michel Foucault, Luce Irigaray, Julia Kristeva, Jean-Luc Marion, Paul Ricoeur and philosophers of the Frankfurt school, such as Jürgen Habermas.
- It questions the traditional approach of Anglo-American philosophy and introduces challenging questions

Contents

M. Joy.

Fields of interest
Philosophy of Religion; Religious Studies; Phenomenology

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Philosophy, Phenomenology, Sciences

Essays in Commemoration of Edmund Husserl

This volume is a broad anthology addressing many if not most major topics in phenomenology and philosophy in general: from foundational and methodological concerns to investigations in anthropology, ethics and theology, from highly specialized research into typically Husserlian topics to the complex relations among pure phenomenology, phenomenological psychology and cognitive science. Many contributions are the product and synthesis of a life-long engagement with phenomenology by leading and established scholars. The volume also has a strong international orientation, acknowledging the variety of perspectives and receptions of Husserl's works in different philosophical cultures and contexts, bringing together researchers from across the globe.

Features

- The contributions are representative of cutting edge research by leading figures in the field
- Strong international orientation, bringing together researchers from across the globe
- Many contributions are a synthesis of a life-long engagement by established scholars

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Preface: U. Melle; Acknowledgements - 1 The Nature and Method of Phenomenology - 1 Husserl on First Philosophy; R. Sokolowski - 2 Le sens de la phénoménologie; M. Richir - 3 Transzendente Phänomenologie; R. Bernet - 4 Husserl and the ‘absolute’; D. Zahavi - 5 Husserls Beweis für den transzendentalen Idealismus; U. Melle - 6 Phenomenology as First Philosophy: A Prehistory; S. L. Tengelyi

Features

- Offers a new definition of nationhood
- Classifies group rights based on the constitution of group agents
- Provides a normative defence of minority nationalism
- Offers a modified version of the right to national self-determination
- Deals with national self-determination in transitional societies

Contents


Fields of interest

Political Philosophy; Political Science; International & Foreign Law/Comparative Law

Target groups

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A. Rini, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand

Aristotle's Modal Proofs
Prior Analytics A8-22 in Predicate Logic

Aristotle's modal syllogistic is his study of patterns of reasoning about necessity and possibility. Many scholars think the modal syllogistic is incoherent, a 'realm of darkness'. Others think it is coherent, but devise complicated formal modellings to mimic Aristotle's results. This volume provides a simple interpretation of Aristotle's modal syllogistic using standard predicate logic. Rini distinguishes between red terms, such as 'horse', 'plant' or 'man', which name things in virtue of features those things must have, and green terms, such as 'moving', which name things in virtue of their non-necessary features. By applying this distinction to the Prior Analytics, Rini shows how traditional interpretive puzzles about the modal syllogistic melt away and the simple structure of Aristotle's own proofs is revealed.

Features
- Makes Aristotle's system of modal syllogistic logic easily accessible to logicians and other logic savvy readers
- Uses standard predicate logic translations with (exclusively) de re modality to represent Aristotle's Greek
- Contains a line-by-line discussion of every modal syllogism in the Prior Analytics
- Distinguishes between two kinds of syllogistic terms to simplify Aristotle's modal logic

From the contents

Fields of interest
History of Philosophy; Logic; Classical Philosophy

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J. E. Smith, Concordia University, Montreal QC, Canada; O. Nachtomy, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel (Eds.)

Machines of Nature and Corporeal Substances in Leibniz

In recent decades, there has been much scholarly controversy as to the basic ontological commitments of the philosopher Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz (1646-1716). The old picture of his thought as strictly idealistic, or committed to the ultimate reduction of bodies to the activity of mind, has come under attack, but Leibniz's precise conceptualization of bodies, and the role they play in his system as a whole, is still the subject of much controversy. One thing that has become clear is that in order to understand the nature of body in Leibniz, and the role body plays in his philosophy, it is crucial to pay attention to the related concepts of organism and of corporeal substance, the former being Leibniz's account of the structure of living bodies (which turn out, for him, to be the only sort of bodies there are), and the latter being an inheritance from the Aristotelian hylomorphic tradition which Leibniz appropriates for his own ends.

Features
- Offers articles from some of the best Leibniz scholars working today
- Is a unique collection of articles focused on the relations between Leibniz's distinctive notion of natural machine and his notion of corporeal substance
- Presents recent and updated research on the complex origins of the concept of organism in Leibniz's writings
- Represents a groundbreaking instance of collaboration and cross-pollination between the Anglo-Saxon and French traditions of history-of-philosophy scholarship

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Feminist Metaphysics
Explorations in the Ontology of Sex, Gender and the Self

The present volume is an exciting new collection of original essays by outstanding feminist theorists including Sally Haslanger, Marilyn Frye and Linda Alcoff. Feminist Metaphysics is the first collection of articles addressing metaphysical issues from a feminist perspective. The essays cover central feminist topics including: the ontology of sex and gender, persons, identity and subjectivity, and the relations among experience, ideology and reality. Many of the papers combine cutting-edge feminist theory with contemporary metaphysics and the philosophy of language. The volume is also distinctive in including articles representing both analytic and continental perspectives on metaphysics. The essays are philosophically sophisticated and are primarily intended for a professional audience of philosophers and feminist theorists.

Features
- Is the first collection of essays on the topic of feminist metaphysics
- Contributions are original and important
- Papers make connections between feminist theory and traditional metaphysical topics
- Individual papers can be used in metaphysics courses

From the contents

Fields of interest
Philosophy; Metaphysics; Gender Studies

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