

Problems in Twentieth Century French Philosophy

Read through the lens of a single key concept in the twentieth-century French philosophy, that of the “problem”, this book relates the concept to specific thinkers and situates it in relation to both the wider history of philosophy and contemporary concerns.

How exactly should the notion of problems be understood? What must a problem be in order to play this inaugurating role? Does the word “problem” have a univocal sense? What is at stake – theoretically, ethically, politically, and institutionally – when philosophers use the word? This book addresses these and other questions, and is devoted to making historical and philosophical sense of the various uses and conceptualisations of notions of problems, problematics, and problematisations in the twentieth-century French thought. In the process, it augments our understanding of the philosophical programs of a number of recent French thinkers, reconfigures our perception of the history and wider stakes of the twentieth-century French philosophy, and reveals the ongoing theoretical richness and critical potential of the notion of the problem and its cognates.

Working through the twentieth-century and focussing on specific thinkers including Foucault and Deleuze, this book will be of interest to all scholars of French philosophy.

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