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# European Journal of Japanese Philosophy

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*The European Journal of Japanese Philosophy*, the official academic organ of the European Network of Japanese Philosophy, is a peer-reviewed journal published annually in the fall. Its aim is to provide a forum for critical articles, book reviews, and translations related to Japanese philosophy.

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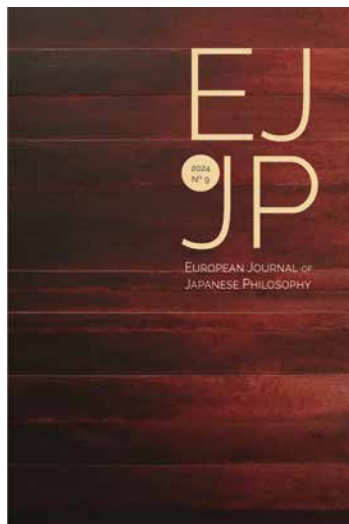
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NISHIDA KITARŌ

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in Self-Consciousness



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*...an authoritative and significant contribution to the corpus of Nishida studies, and... a needed text for comparative philosophers and other interested scholars.*

—Thomas T. Tominaga

*Here Kitarō's prime interest is in applying some aspect of immediate to the quest of reconciling the familiar dualisms which dog cognition.... Kitarō's inquiring plays many of the stops announcing the Buddhist-Christian dialogue.*

—David Appelbaum

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## Intuition and Reflection in Self- Consciousness

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NISHIDA Kitarō

trans. by Valdo H. Viglielmo with Takeuchi  
Yoshinori and Joseph S. O'Leary

A translation of the second volume of the Collected Works of Japan's foremost twentieth-century philosopher, this book provides a rare glimpse into the struggle of the Japanese mind to rethink the concerns of Western philosophy in terms of the Eastern intellectual heritage. The translation evokes the movement and flavor of the notoriously opaque original as well as clarifying its obscurities and eliminating much of the repetition. Moreover, this is the first translation of Nishida's works, in Japanese or English, to appear with complete bibliographical annotation. Everyone interested in the interaction of Eastern and Western thought-forms now has a document elucidating many of the cultural, psychological, and intellectual dynamics that have shaped Japanese intellectual life in one of its most fascinating and ambitious manifestations. Long out of print, this book (originally published in 1987), is reissued here in a facsimile edition.

## La logica del luogo e la visione religiosa del mondo

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NISHIDA Kitarō

trad. a cura di Tiziano TOSOLINI

In questa sua ultima opera (1945) Nishida Kitarō, padre indiscusso della moderna filosofia giapponese, si concentra sul sentimento religioso, analizzandolo attraverso una logica imperniata sul suo concetto di Nulla Assoluto, luogo ultimo in cui emergono realtà e ragione, mondo e uomo.

Dialogando sulla soglia che unisce e separa la tradizione buddhista e quella cristiana, Nishida invita a pensare una religione della «trascendenza immanente», del Dio che si svuota della sua divinità per donarla alle sue creature, del Buddha che sempre è impresso nel cuore dell'uomo.

Nella sua dettagliata introduzione, il traduttore, Tiziano Tosolini, ripercorre i concetti fondamentali che Nishida ha sviluppato lungo gli anni tentando di capire il retroscena filosofico che ha portato l'autore alla stesura de *La logica del luogo e la visione religiosa del mondo*.



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*Il testamento morale del principale esponente della scuola di Kyoto [...] Opera breve, ma davvero complessa e affascinante, questa Logica del luogo venne portata a termine nella primavera del 1945, mentre gli americani dimostravano la propria superiorità aerea, bombardando le città giapponesi [...] Portato a compimento il lavoro, Nishida si spense il sette giugno del 1945. Due mesi più tardi, il Giappone sarebbe capitolato, nel clamore muto di Hiroshima.*

—Marco Dotti

## Art et Morale

NISHIDA Kitarō

trad. de Britta Boutry-Stadelmann



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*Toute sa vie durant, Nishida restera fidèle à l'admonestation de [...] penser par soi-même. Ce qui signifie en l'occurrence être un penseur autonome, authentique, critique et curieux. Dans ce sens, l'intérêt du présent texte de Nishida pour le lecteur contemporain francophone est d'offrir l'opportunité de se plonger dans un univers de pensée inhabituel et de lui permettre de projeter une nouvelle lumière sur ses propres habitudes de penser.*

—Britta Boutry-Stadelmann

La présente traduction a pour objet de présenter un aspect encore peu connu du public français de l'oeuvre du philosophe japonais Nishida : le rôle de l'art. Dans son approche, l'art se décline en deux volets : la création et le beau.

À son habitude, le philosophe japonais entre dans une réflexion dialogique avec d'autres penseurs. Il y a notamment deux trames qui soutiennent *Art et morale* : d'une part la notion d'art en tant que création, et plus particulièrement en tant que création à dimension corporelle, telle qu'elle est formulée dans la théorie de l'art de Conrad Fiedler ; d'autre part la notion du beau et son appréciation selon la pensée d'Immanuel Kant. La thématique de l'art et de la création est une porte d'accès intéressante pour s'initier à la philosophie de Nishida car elle fait appel à une perspective dynamique, si importante pour le penseur japonais.

# Autoéveil

## Le système des universels

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NISHIDA Kitarō

trad. de Jacynthe TREMBLAY

*Autoéveil. Le Système des universels* (1930) est un livre essentiel pour comprendre la topo-logique de Nishida Kitarō (1870–1945) développée entre 1923 et 1932, et dont font également partie les livres *De ce qui agit à ce qui voit* (1927) et *Autoéveil. La Détermination du néant* (1932). Comme son titre l'indique, *Autoéveil. Le Système des universels* est centré sur la série d'universels qui composent le système de pensée de celui qui est considéré comme le philosophe japonais le plus important du 20<sup>e</sup> siècle, de même que sur le thème de l'autoéveil qui marque, à des degrés divers, chacun de ces universels. Comme l'expose Jacynthe Tremblay dans son « Introduction » détaillée, *Autoéveil* obéit à des structures de pensée et à des processus logiques très rigoureux. Nishida y met en œuvre six niveaux d'argumentation (l'englobement, la position, la superposition, la détermination, la transcendance et la relation) qui sont autant de moyens conceptuels permettant de se repérer dans la densité de son style argumentatif.



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*La traduction en français de Autoéveil : Le système des universels de Nishida Kitaro, ainsi que l'analyse de la pensée de ce dernier qui sert d'introduction, offrent une combinaison, rarissime aujourd'hui, de perspicacité, de profondeur, de clarié et de simplicité qui fait l'originalité du Dr Jacynthe Tremblay.*

—Maurice Boutin

*Jacynthe Tremblay has provided a very valuable basis for entering into and assessing Nishida's world of thought, which will be greeted by all serious scholars of Nishida.*

—Joseph S. O'Leary

NISHIDA KITARŌ

La Détermination  
du néant marquée  
par l'autoéveil

Traduction de Jacynthe Tremblay



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*Nishida's writings requires bilingual ability and a deep understanding of what Nishida is revealing philosophically. Jacynthe Tremblay has proven her ability to understand, explain, and disseminate Nishida's thought. More than a simple expression of her skills, her work represents a precious example of serious academic work for younger researchers.*

—Romaric Jannel

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## La Détermination du néant marquée par l'autoéveil

NISHIDA Kitarō

trad. de Jacynthe TREMBLAY

*La Détermination du néant marquée par l'autoéveil* (1932) est un ouvrage philosophique en tous points remarquable. Directement rattaché aux deux livres précédents de Nishida, soit *De ce qui agit à ce qui voit* (1927) et *Autoéveil. Le système des universels* (1930), il présente l'achèvement de la pensée de Nishida au terme de la seconde période de sa philosophie (1923–1932). À partir de ce qui désigne l'essence même de l'esprit humain, à savoir le concept de néant, Nishida réexamine les diverses déterminations de ce dernier, entre autres la temporalité, la connaissance, les relations interpersonnelles, le monde historique, ou encore les relations entre l'individu et le milieu.

# Problèmes fondamentaux de la philosophie I Le monde de l'agir

NISHIDA Kitarō

trad. de Jacynthe TREMBLAY

Le livre de Nishida Kitarō (1870–1945) intitulé *Problèmes fondamentaux de la philosophie I. Le monde de l'agir* (1933) marque la transition entre la deuxième période de la philosophie de Nishida (1923–1934) et la période finale (1934–1945). Il met l'accent sur la concomitance du soi agissant et du monde, de même que sur l'agir réciproque des individus au sein de ce monde.

Tant au niveau du propos qu'à celui du lexique philosophique, il se situe en effet en continuité directe avec les trois livres qui composent cette deuxième période et qui ont été déjà traduits en français par nos soins, à savoir *De ce qui agit à ce qui voit*, *Autoéveil. Le système des universels*, de même que *La Détermination du néant marquée par l'autoéveil*.

NISHIDA KITARŌ

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*Selon mon estimation, le présent ouvrage constitue les fondements logiques des idées exposées dans le livre précédent, à savoir La Détermination du néant marquée par l'autoéveil, spécialement dans l'essai « Je et tu ».*

—Nishida Kitarō

Jacynthe Tremblay

Le lexique  
philosophique  
de Nishida Kitarō

Japonais-français  
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## Le lexique philosophique de Nishida Kitarō

### Japonais-français, Français-japonais

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Jacynthe TREMBLAY

*Le lexique* présenté dans cet ouvrage, dans sa double version japonais-français et français-japonais, a pour but d'encourager la réalisation de nouvelles traductions de Nishida Kitarō. Simultanément, il vise la production de recherches approfondies au sujet de cet auteur. À la suite du lexique, un long commentaire décrit le style écrit de Nishida et ses liens étroits avec le mouvement littéraire appelé « accord du style parlé et de la langue écrite » (言文一致). À l'aide d'une succession d'exemples linguistiques qui permettent de reprendre de nombreuses entrées du lexique en les contextualisant, ce commentaire illustre la manière dont Nishida, à l'instar de ses contemporains, repoussa les limites de sa propre langue afin d'exprimer des idées novatrices.

## Philosophy as Metanoetics

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TANABE Hajime

trans. by Takeuchi Yoshinori et al.

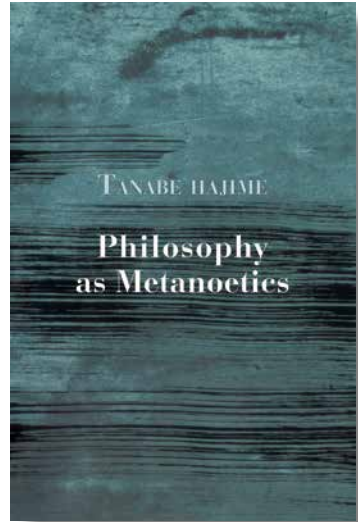
Introduction by J. W. Heisig

Biographical afterword by Takeshi MORISATO

Written in the closing months of World War II, *Philosophy as Metanoetics* seeks to respond to the failure of Japan's philosophical tradition to face up to the political and cultural realities that had landed the country in war with its Asian neighbors. In its pages, Tanabe calls for nothing less than a complete and radical rethinking of the philosophical task itself.

To perform this "absolute critique" of philosophy, while at the same time protecting it from the specter of nihilism, the author embraces what he calls metanoetics: a letting-go of the self's own power so that it can be transformed by the power of absolute nothingness.

A powerful, original work, showing vast erudition in areas of both Eastern and Western thought, *Philosophy as Metanoetics* is a modern masterpiece of Japanese philosophy.



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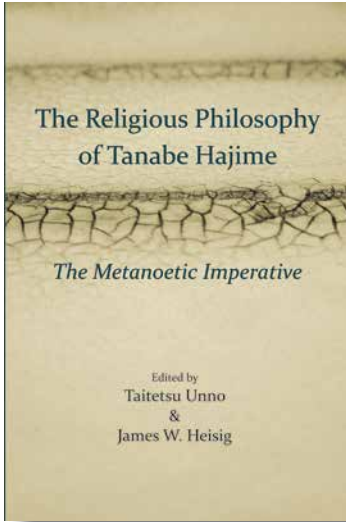
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*A monumental work in the best tradition of the Kyoto School, charting yet another course from East to West and casting yet another bridge across the borderlands between philosophy and religion.*

—Abe Masao

*The translation is itself a work of art; it flows in such clear, smooth and flawless English, and its content is so elegantly articulated and so intelligible, that it makes one quite forget that this is a translation from a vastly different language and style of thinking.*

—Langdon Gilkey



## The Religious Philosophy of Tanabe Hajime

### The Metanoetic Imperative

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—Theodore M. Ludwig

This collection brings together a series of papers delivered at an international symposium on metanoetics held at Smith College, October 1989. The symposium was inspired by publication of the English translation of Tanabe Hajime's *Philosophy as Metanoetics* in 1986, which marked another milestone in the introduction of Japanese philosophy to the West. Nineteen representative scholars in the fields of philosophy and religion discuss the implications of metanoetics and other aspects of Tanabe's thought for our understanding of Shin Buddhism, Christianity, philosophy, and society. Among the wide variety of topics covered are the meaning of Shin Buddhism for the West, the encounter of Buddhism and Christianity, and the relation of religious philosophy to society.

# Nishida Kitarō

## The Man and his Thought

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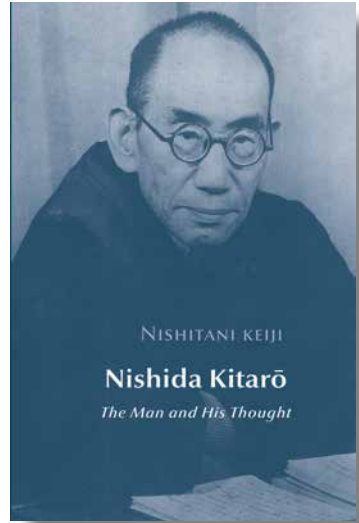
NISHITANI Keiji

trans. by J. W. HEISIG & YAMAMOTO Seisaku

*Nishida Kitarō* is a translation of essays Nishitani wrote about his teacher between 1936 and 1968. A series of meditations by one master on another, this volume provides a remarkable, living portrait of Nishida the person and conveys the excitement he aroused in his students.

Focusing on Nishida's maiden work, *An Inquiry into the Good*, Nishitani penetrates to the core of his thought and presents it in language that is a marvel of clarity. The collection's concluding section, which deals with Nishida's critics, stands out for its lucidity and fairness.

No one is more qualified to write such a book than Nishitani Keiji, whose lifetime coincided with the rise and flowering of the Kyoto School and whose own critical contributions have helped secure the School a lasting place in the history of philosophy.



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*This book is probably the best and most interesting introduction to the study of Nishida as a historical figure....*

—Lothar Knauth

*This book is a rough diamond of a gem. The translation shines. Yamamoto and Heisig were able to capture the intricacy of Nishida's thought and, even more so, the tea-flavored reminiscence of Nishitani.*

—Whalen Lai

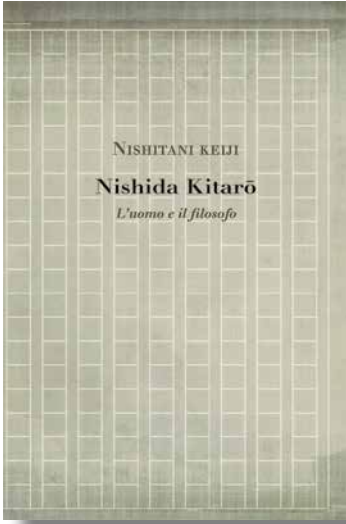
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### L'uomo e il filosofo

NISHITANI Keiji

a cura di Carlo SAVIANI

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*Nella prospettiva di chi considera inseparabili pensiero e persona, è lo spirito, o la vita, a permearli entrambi [...]. Attraverso la persona del pensatore è possibile arrivare a una comprensione profonda dell'anima e della vitalità delle sue idee. Quello che secondo una filosofia scientifica è post-filosofico, in questa concezione della filosofia come vita diventa post-filosofico; l'elemento esterno alla filosofia diventa la pietra angolare su cui si poggia l'intero edificio filosofico.*

—K. Nishitani, dalla Prefazione

Questo volume raccoglie i saggi che tra il 1936 e il 1968 Nishitani dedicò al suo Maestro. Le preziose riflessioni qui contenute offrono un vivido ritratto di Nishida, riuscendo a trasmettere il fascino che emanava la sua severa personalità. Concentrandosi soprattutto sulla prima opera di Nishida, *Uno studio sul bene*, Nishitani tocca il cuore del suo pensiero e lo espone con una chiarezza esemplare e un'autentica passione filosofica. Come egli stesso dice nella Prefazione: «Non riesco nemmeno a immaginare come sarebbe stata la mia vita, o persino che tipo di persona sarei ora, senza *Uno studio sul bene* e il suo autore». Inoltre, il volume presenta anche un importante saggio del 1951, in cui Nishitani confronta il pensiero filosofico-religioso di Nishida e quello di Tanabe Hajime.

## Dialettica del nichilismo

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NISHITANI Keiji

trad. a cura di Carlo SAVIANI

Attraverso un serrato confronto con i principali pensatori occidentali, da Kierkegaard a Schopenhauer, da Dostoevskij a Nietzsche, da Stirner a Heidegger, Nishitani propone una lettura del nichilismo tesa a evidenziarne l'inaggrabilità. Un momento esemplare del dialogo interculturale che la filosofia giapponese contemporanea ha voluto stabilire con il pensiero occidentale.

Il pensiero e l'opera di Nishitani Keiji (1900–1990), uno dei massimi esponenti della scuola filosofica di Kyoto, costituiscono un importante momento di confronto tra la metafisica occidentale e il buddhismo zen nell'epoca del dominio planetario della tecnica. Docente universitario e conferenziere internazionale, Nishitani ha pubblicato un vasto corpus di testi filosofici più volte tradotti nelle principali lingue occidentali.



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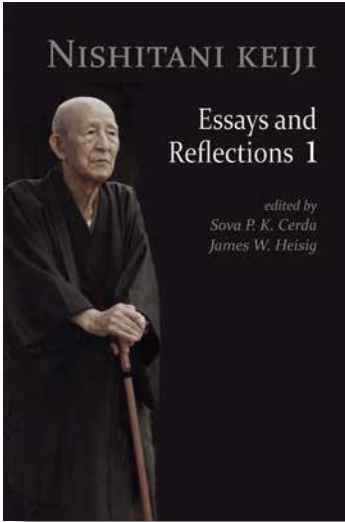
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*Lungo tutto il volume, che assume il nichilismo come suo tema principale, corre l'energia vitale del pensiero del professor Nishitani. Come egli stesso afferma: «Lungo le mie fasi pre-filosofiche e filosofiche il mio sforzo fondamentale fu, in parole semplici, quello di superare il nichilismo attraversandolo».*

—Ueda Shizuteru

## Essays and Reflections 1

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NISHITANI Keiji

Sova P. K. CERDA and James W.  
HEISIG, eds.

This, the first of two volumes of translations by the celebrated Japanese philosopher Nishitani Keiji, contains a collection of 17 essays on general Buddhist thought and Zen, and reflections on the modern world, rounded off by 7 records of interviews and personal reminiscences. Together they give us a portrait of the opening of Japanese philosophy to the wider world and a challenge to its customarily Eurocentric inclinations.

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*This collection of forty-three thought-provoking essays by Japan's preeminent philosopher of religion is a treasure trove....*

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*An amazing and valuable collection. It is sure to widen the scope of Nishitani scholarship.*

—Yoko Arisaka

*I like to think that the very substantial selection of translations in this new book, many of which we can assume benefited from his personal advice, would have given the author considerable pleasure.*

—Normal Waddell

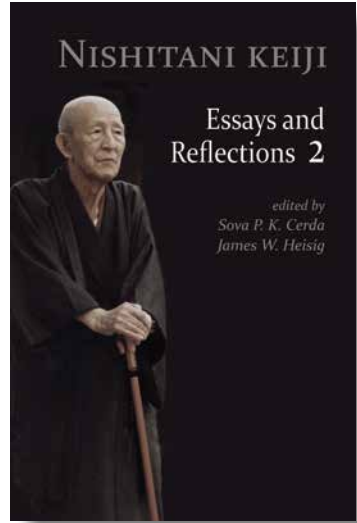
## Essays and Reflections 2

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NISHITANI Keiji

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This second of two volumes of translations by the celebrated Japanese philosopher Nishitani Keiji, comprises contains a collection of 14 essays on philosophy and religion, myth and religion, and the encounter with modern science and technology. 2 pieces on literature and the arts, and 3 dialogues with leading scholars from Japan and abroad round out this picture of an extraordinary mind whose influence, both personal and academic, has helped gain international recognition for traditions of thought long underappreciated in Western philosophical circles.



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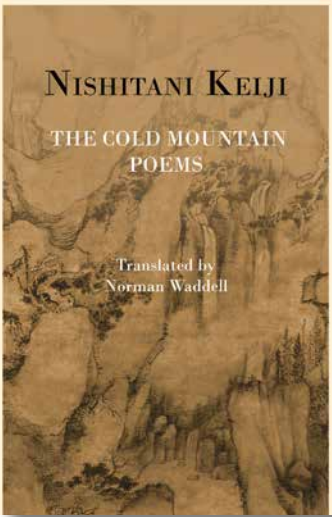
—Graham Parkes

*The range and depth of his vision shine through time and again in this provocative selection of writings.*

—Thomas P. Kasulisi

*This unprecedented collection of his essays will be enthusiastically welcomed by scholars and students alike.*

—Bret W. Davis



## The Cold Mountain Poems

### L'uomo e il filosofo

NISHITANI Keiji

trans. by Norman Waddell

*The Cold Mountain Poems* presents Nishitani Keiji in a somewhat unexpected role: as a devoted reader of the poems of the legendary Zen recluse Hanshan, or “Cold Mountain.” Nishitani takes up the poems one by one, exploring their spiritual, philosophical, and poetic dimensions while bringing them into conversation with themes central to his own thought—emptiness, selfhood, nature, and awakening. He shows how their deceptively simple language opens onto questions central to Zen practice and to philosophy more broadly. Situating Hanshan’s voice within the interpretive horizon of the Kyoto School while preserving the freshness and immediacy of the poems themselves, Nishitani’s reflections invite us to read Cold Mountain anew—through the eyes of one of Japan’s most profound thinkers.

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*Marking Nishitani’s final major publication, this volume stands apart from his more systematic philosophical works.... While grounded as firmly in Zen thought and experience as his formal philosophy, these reflections take the form of meditative commentary rather than systematic argument. They draw the reader into the poetic and spiritual world of the reclusive poet-sage Hanshan, whose writings have fascinated East Asian readers for centuries and, in the postwar period, have captivated Western audiences as well.*

—Norman Waddell

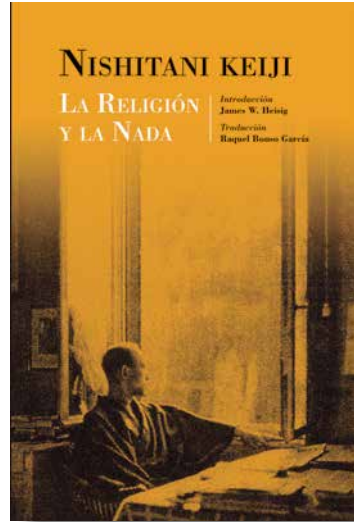
## La religión y la nada

NISHITANI Keiji

trad. de Raquel BOUSO

*La religión y la nada*, texto clave para superar esa separación occidental entre religión y ciencia, pretende hacer comprensible la experiencia de la tradición budista asiática y la concepción zen de la vida. A partir de las nociones nada y vacío, Nishitani Keiji, último gran representante de la Escuela de Kioto y discípulo de Nishida en Japón y de Heidegger en Alemania, indaga en la tradición cristiana los elementos propios de una experiencia religiosa próxima al nihilismo budista, y critica el nihilismo de la filosofía europea moderna por la ausencia de radicalidad en la afirmación de la nada como principio de toda realidad.

Esta obra de madurez de una de las mentes más privilegiadas de este siglo, representa una de las grandes síntesis del pensamiento japonés del siglo XX y proporciona la reflexión necesaria para establecer un puente entre Occidente y Asia con la mirada puesta en una filosofía mundial.



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*Nishitani parece moverse con toda naturalidad entre textos de Dostoievski, Hegel o Francisco de Asís, de modo que, pese al arduo esfuerzo de lectura de ciertos tramos, el fluir del discurso captura y arrastra la atención hasta el fin del argumento.*

*Un esfuerzo que vale la pena si se busca captar la penetración de esta mirada sobre los marcos que comparten religión y filosofía para formular las preguntas clave sobre el sentido de la existencia.*

—Oswaldo Baigorria

## Zen, filosofia e scienza

NISHITANI Keiji

a cura di Carlo SAVIANI



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*Con la sua personalità e le sue opere, Nishitani riveste un ruolo di primo piano nei campi del dialogo interreligioso, della questione del nichilismo, della storia della cultura giapponese e della storia contemporanea del buddhismo zen.*

*Al pari di Nishida e di Heidegger, Nishitani ha considerato ineludibile il confronto tra la cultura orientale e quella occidentale e ha avvertito l'esigenza di impostare un pensiero che, con le felici espressioni di Ernesto Balducci, potremmo definire «planetario» e «dalle molte memorie».*

—Carlo Saviani

Il pensiero e l'opera di Keiji Nishitani (Udetsu 1900 – Kyoto 19), uno dei massimi esponenti della scuola filosofica di Kyoto, costituiscono un essenziale momento di confronto tra la metafisica occidentale e il buddhismo zen nell'epoca del dominio planetario della tecnica e del nichilismo.

Studiose e praticante del buddhismo zen, docente universitario e conferenziere internazionale fino a tarda età, Nishitani ha pubblicato un vasto corpus di testi filosofici più volte tradotti nelle principali lingue occidentali. Il dialogo interreligioso, la prospettiva zen sul nichilismo e la tecnica, il risveglio del vero sé e la relazione intersoggettiva sono alcuni dei temi trattati nei testi raccolti in questo volume.

## La religione e il nulla

NISHITANI Keiji

trad. a cura di Carlo SAVIANI

A partire dalla seconda metà dell'Ottocento, dopo secoli di indifferenza e di isolamento, la cultura giapponese scopre la tradizione filosofica occidentale. Si inaugura una feconda stagione di traduzioni di classici, di viaggi in Occidente, che segnerà profondamente lo sviluppo della filosofia giapponese nel Novecento.

In questo contesto di grande fermento, il pensiero di Keiji Nishitani risente profondamente dell'incontro con il Cristianesimo, con gli esistenzialisti europei e con Nietzsche, in particolare; suggestioni che si intrecciano in lui con la grande tradizione filosofica orientale dello zen. Cuore della sua filosofia è la scoperta dell'aspetto insensato e tragico della vita: tale supremo atto di negazione del significato dell'esistenza costituisce il punto di partenza per una nuova, più alta consapevolezza della vita, per una definitiva liberazione da tale negatività e per il risveglio della coscienza religiosa.



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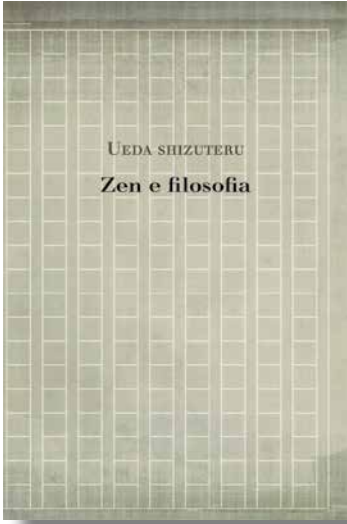
*Per Nishitani la religione non è tanto una ricerca dell'assoluto quanto un risvegliarsi alla propria esistenza umana, ossia un'accettazione della vacuità che abbraccia questo mondo nella sua totalità di essere e divenire. In questa accettazione – che è un'assunzione corporea – la mente si illumina al massimo delle sue possibilità. La realtà che vive e muore in tutte le cose che nel mondo appaiono per poi scomparire, viene «realizzata» nel senso più pieno del termine: si partecipa alla realtà e pertanto si sa che si è reali. Questa è la «posizione della vacuità».*

—James W. Heisig

## Zen e filosofia

UEDA Shizuteru

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*Si deve sempre tener presente l'interesse dominante di Ueda: approfondire la sua comprensione della relazione tra il sé e il mondo. Sono le domande che egli pone agli scritti degli altri a definirlo, non le sue discordanze con gli altri filosofi. In questo senso, il suo stile filosofico si avvicina a quello di Nishida e ancor più a quello del suo maestro, Nishitani Keiji.*

—James W. Heisig

Questo volume contiene sette tra i saggi più significativi del filosofo giapponese Ueda Shizuteru, ultimo grande esponente della scuola di Kyoto. Attraverso un confronto serrato con i temi fondamentali del buddhismo zen, della mistica di Meister Eckhart e del pensiero di Nishida Kitaro, e una profonda interpretazione di un classico dell'arte figurativa zen, Ueda introduce nell'attuale dibattito filosofico una critica radicale dell'ontologia sostanzialistica e un'originale esposizione della nozione buddhista di relazionalità.

Seguendo le parole dell'autore: «Fin qui, ho tentato di abbozzare la trama del campo speculativo nel quale attraverso Eckhart, lo zen e la filosofia di Nishida è andato procedendo il mio cammino intellettuale».

# The Religious Philosophy of Nishitani Keiji

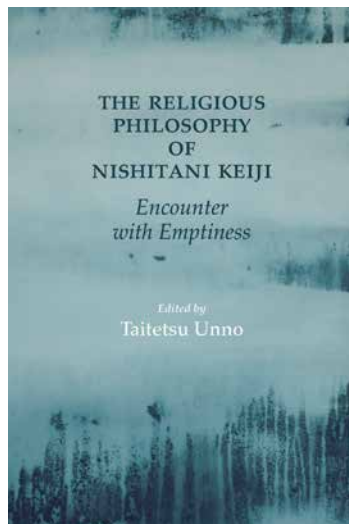
## Encounter with Emptiness

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*These rich essays point to much work to be done in interpreting Eastern and Western traditions in light of emptiness; that work will reveal the pluralism in both traditions and overcome the rather too neat jargon of the present debate. It should also qualify a tendency to put all one's eggs in the basket of salvation by emptiness alone.*

—Joseph S. O'Leary



## Filosofi del nulla

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*Con la Scuola di Kyoto [...] il pensiero orientale e la filosofia occidentale giungono a intrecciarsi in una sintesi feconda che ha dato vita a una tra le efflorescenze speculative più interessanti del Novecento [...] Filosofi del nulla fornisce la presentazione migliore, più chiara ed esaustiva della Scuola di Kyoto [...] Una lettura indispensabile per chiunque si occupi delle analogie e delle corrispondenze, così difficili e fraintese, eppure così evidenti e suggestive, tra pensieri d'Oriente e d'Occidente.*

—Franco Volpi

Il volume presenta il pensiero delle tre principali figure della cosiddetta «scuola di Kyoto», Nishida Kitarō, Tanabe Hajime e Nishitani Keiji, mostrando come questa originale corrente del pensiero giapponese del Novecento costituisca per la filosofia tradizionale una sfida ad oltrepassare i suoi confini occidentali.

## Much Ado About Nothingness

### Essays on Nishida and Tanabe

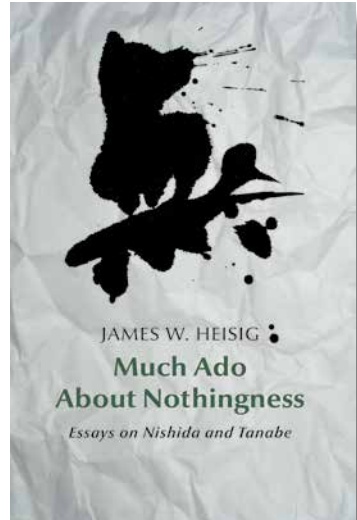
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*Much Ado About Nothingness* brings together 14 essays on Nishida Kitaro and Tanabe Hajime by one of the leading scholars of twentieth-century Japanese philosophy.

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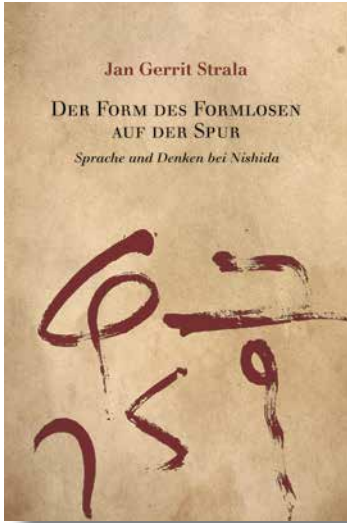
## Der Form des Formlosen auf der Spur

### Sprache und Denken bei Nishida

Jan Gerrit STRALA

Welche Bedeutung hatte die Sprachform für Nishidas philosophisches Schaffen und welche Bedeutung hat sie für uns heute im Umgang mit seinen Texten?

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—Jan Gerrit Strala

# Absolute Nothingness

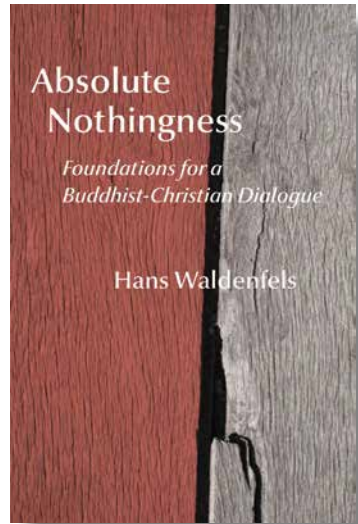
## Foundations for a Buddhist-Christian Dialogue

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Hans WALDENFELS

In dialogue with the Japanese philosopher Nishitani Keiji, the author explores the borderlands between Buddhist and Christian thought. A major breakthrough in Buddhist-Christian dialogue, *Absolute Nothingness* is a comparative study that attempts to relate the Kyoto School of Buddhist philosophy to the Christian tradition. Among the major questions treated in this book is that of spiritual emptiness as it is experienced in the traditions of East and West. The author brings to his book the skills of a theologian and the sensitivities of one who has studied Buddhism in Japan.

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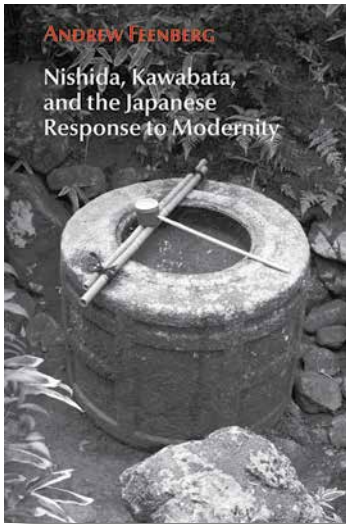
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*Waldenfels' Christian dialogue with Mahayana Buddhism as it is interpreted by Nishitani Keiji accomplishes much more than it claims. Not only does it help lay the "foundations for a Buddhist-Christian dialogue"; it also, and perhaps more importantly, clarifies controversial questions on the theory of interreligious dialogue in general.*

—Paul F. Knitter

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—Francis H. Cook



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## Nishida, Kawabata, and the Japanese Response to Modernity

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Andrew FEENBERG

*Nishida, Kawabata, and the Japanese Response to Modernity* explores the Japanese response to Western modernity in philosophy and literature. Throughout the 20th century, Japanese thinkers and writers were engaged in the paradoxical attempt to produce original works rooted in their own culture within forms adapted from the West. In the 1930s the founder of modern Japanese philosophy, Nishida Kitarō, proposed an innovative theory of multicultural modernity based largely on the Western philosophical tradition. After World War II, the Nobel prize winning novelist, Yasunari Kawabata, depicted the cultural conflict between West and East within Western literary forms. Were these and other Japanese thinkers discussed in this book successful in modernizing Japanese culture? Did their attempts to do so establish or refute the often claimed universality of Western modernity? These are the questions to which this book is addressed.

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—A. Can Pirtici

# Japanese Philosophy in the Making 1

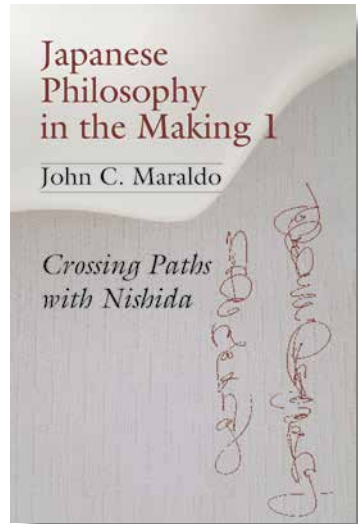
## Crossing Paths with Nishida

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John C. MARALDO

The first of 3 volumes of essays on Japanese philosophy, this work brings together essays that clarify its heritage and its practice, above all in the dynamic thought of Nishida Kitarō. Showing how philosophy takes shape through the translation of language and culture, the author examines the frameworks that have defined and confined Nishida's thought and then charts new avenues of questioning Nishida and letting him question us.

How should we envision the world at a time of environmental crisis, how might we rethink our conceptions of history, religion and God; how is bodily awareness a way that the world knows itself, and just what can we make of Nishida's famous notion of nothingness—these are some of the questions that guide the meticulous explorations in this collection.



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*Maraldo makes his expertise available to his readers in the most clear and precise language possible. Even when Nishida himself is not clear (which to my mind is too often), Maraldo explains in clear terms how and why Nishida is not clear. No reader, neither novice nor expert, could ask for more.*

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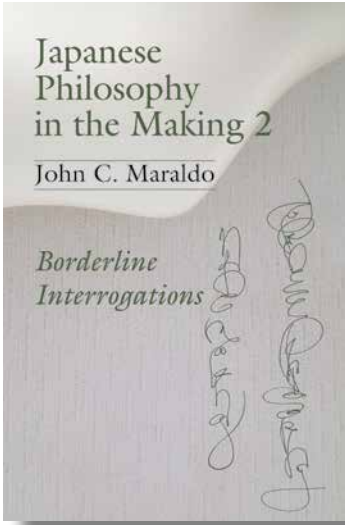
—John Krummel

## Japanese Philosophy in the Making 2

### Borderline Interrogations

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The second of three volumes of essays that engage Japanese philosophers as intercultural thinkers, this collection critically probes seminal works for their historical significance and contemporary relevance. It shows how the relational ethics of Watsuji Tetsurō serves as a resource for new conceptions of trust, dignity, and human rights; how forgiveness empowers the repentance and the sense of responsibility advocated by Tanabe Hajime, and how Kuki Shūzō's philosophy of contingency puts a fortuitous twist on normative ethics. The author also re-examines the controversy about Kyoto School wartime writings so as to uncover the covert side of today's empires, and reflects on the hidden consequences of seeing nature as the non-human world. Underlying these investigations is a consistent style that interrogates philosophers for what lies undisclosed and that exposes decisive questions that arise between us and them



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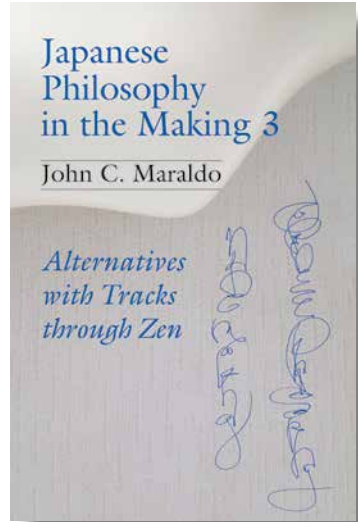
## Japanese Philosophy in the Making 3

### Alternatives with Tracks through Zen

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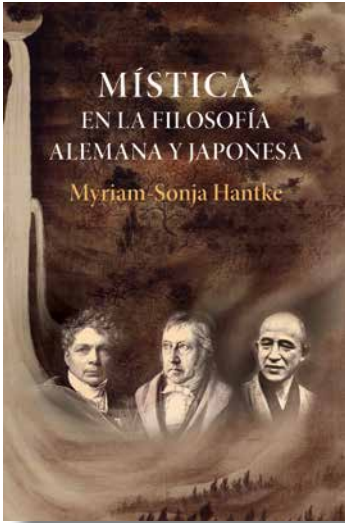


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*The alternatives proposed here invite a re-examination of philosophical oppositions often taken for granted—those that pit mental against physical, normative against descriptive, agency against passivity, practice against theory, and others still. They seek options and reasons to prefer them.*

—John C. Maraldo



## Mística en la filosofía alemana y japonesa

### Schelling, Hegel, Nishitani

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*Ni para Schelling, Hegel o Nishitani se trata de suscribir una filosofía racional o bien, una filosofía de la racionalidad... «Schelling habla a partir del contexto de su filosofía positiva y negativa, Hegel desde la perspectiva de su dialéctica espiritual especulativa y Nishitani a partir de la perspectiva de la filosofía intercultural que une el pensamiento occidental con el oriental sobre el plano de la nada absoluta*

—Myriam-Sonja Hantke

Siguiendo a autores como Karl Rahner, Dieter Henrich o Edith Stein, la autora diseña el concepto de mística trascendental con el fin de ahondar en la esencia de la mística. A partir de la comprensión del concepto de mística como una condición de posibilidad de la unidad entre ser y pensar asistimos a la puesta en obra de un diálogo intercultural e interreligioso a la luz del cual son interpretadas las filosofías de Schelling, Hegel y Nishitani.

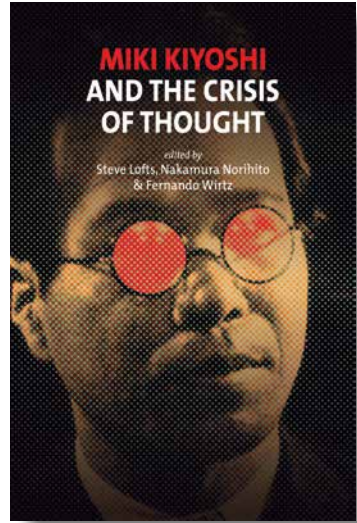
## Miki Kiyoshi and the Crisis of Thought

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Steve LOFTS, NAKAMURA Norihito  
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Miki Kiyoshi (1897–1945) is one of the most important Japanese philosophers of the twentieth century. Unfortunately, his work has not been widely studied outside of Japan. Miki combines elements from the thoughts of Pascal, Hegel, Marx, Heidegger, Cassirer, and Nishida into an original theory of the logic of imagination as the dialectical tension of pathos-logos found at the root of history, society, religion, and everydayness.

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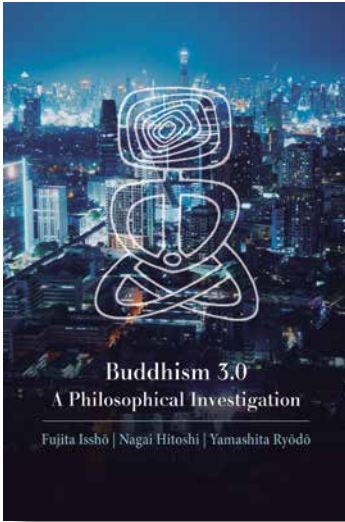


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*It could be argued that Miki himself is both a symptom of Japan's crisis in the 1930s and a thinker of the crisis who reflected on the causes of the crisis and its possible solution. At the beginning of the twentieth century, a crisis in Japan was brought about by a loss of identity brought about by the rapid transformation of its culture, and Japan faced the continued threat of being colonized by Western thought and values.*

—the Editors



## Buddhism 3.0

### A Philosophical Investigation

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FUJITA Isshō, NAGAI Hitoshi,  
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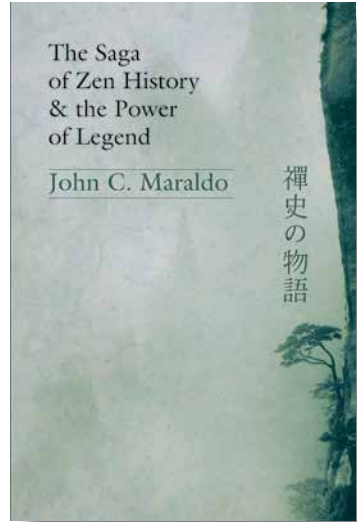
This book is the result of a series of discussions that took place in Tokyo in 2016 between two Zen priests, Fujita Isshō and Yamashita Ryōdō, both ordained in the somewhat radical lineage of “Homeless Kodo,” and the popular and prolific Japanese philosopher, Nagai Hitoshi. The framework of their conversations is what Fujita and Yamashita call “Buddhism 3.0,” a reformist attempt to combine the clear blue sky of traditional Zen meditation (Buddhism 1.0) with the approach of “mindfulness” (Buddhism 2.0). They engage with Nagai’s phenomenological-experiential solipsism by debating Uchiyama Roshi’s idea of an original, all-encompassing Self and examining the transition from that singular, monistic “I” to a compassionate openness to others

## The Saga of Zen History and the Power of Legend

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John C. MARALDO

This engaging book challenges both uncritical devotees and critical historians of Zen for the ways they have misplaced truths in the tradition known by that name. It first shows how current Chan/Zen scholarship itself is a practice that echoes the legendary verse about Zen as a “separate transmission outside the scriptures, not relying on written words,” and then it develops the category of legend as an alternative to both history and myth, fact and fabrication. The author not only analyzes the different meanings of “transmission”; he also clarifies what historically was dependent upon the transmissions. *The Saga of Zen History* is a paradigm-changing work, one that makes critical scholarship more responsive to self-examination and one that is also accessible to general readers.



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*Maraldo's book should have a lasting influence on our understanding of Zen.... Maraldo has pointed the way with his analysis of Chan/Zen scholarship. Let us hope that his epistemological critique will be sufficiently convincing to engage present and future researchers in exploring these new territories.*

—Bernard Faure

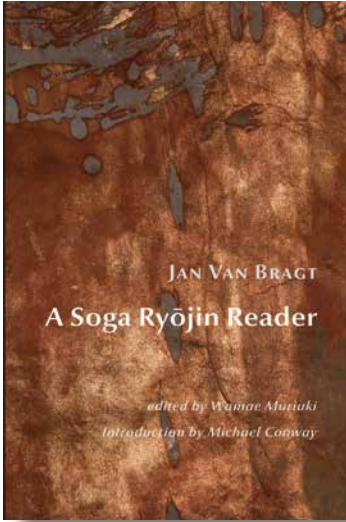
*... an intelligently written and provokingly reflective book.*

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## A Soga Ryōjin Reader

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*And, to add a more personal note, when reading the Shinshū “theologian” whom I am most familiar with, Soga Ryōjin, I must confess that I often come across formulations that express Christian doctrine in a most felicitous way and are excellent food for my spiritual life.*

—Jan Van Bragt

The present collection brings together selections from the writings of Soga Ryōjin, arguably the most innovative and influential Pure Land Buddhist thinker of twentieth-century Japan. In an attempt to counter the religious skepticism of his age, Soga rejected the idea of a post-mortem soteriology and fought fiercely for the true significance of Shinran’s thought. This volume, which covers Volumes 1 through 7 and Volume 10, shows the development of Soga’s thinking and the variety of contexts in which he wrote.

The translator, Jan Van Bragt, worked on this collection between 1989 and 2003. The manuscripts on which this work is based were peppered with parenthetical notes, questions, comments, glosses, and allusions, most of which have been preserved here.

## Religion and Ethics at Odds

### A Buddhist Counter- Position

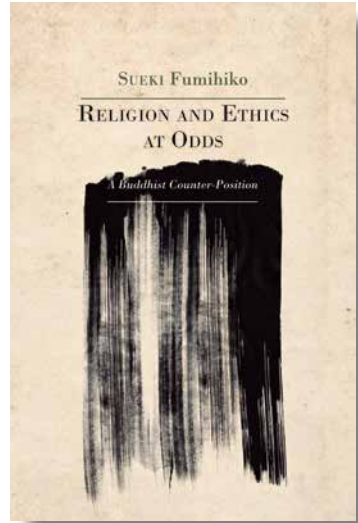
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SUEKI Fumihiko

Trans. by Anton Luis SEVILLA

In this book, Sueki discusses the difficult relationship between religion and ethics. He understands ethics as fundamentally tied to inter-human relationships, which presumes mutual intelligibility. How then do we relate to the “other”—that which cannot be reduced to our comprehension? How do we relate to other cultures, other genders, or even ourselves as unintelligible others? How do we relate with the *kami*, buddhas, and the dead? Sueki refers to this as the problem of “trans-ethics.”

The author argues that it is religion that has constantly tried to focus on this relationship with the other. For Buddhism, this involves a struggle with ethics and its overcoming. In particular, he highlights the possible role of the much maligned “funeral Buddhism” in such a Buddhist counter-position to ethics.



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*In the very place that transcends ethics lie problems that we truly need to contend with. We can call this domain the trans-ethical. I do not know how many people will be willing to accept my far-fetched ideas. But today, it is no longer possible to glorify life, as a living being, while ignoring the dead. What I hope to suggest is not a foolish optimism, nor a reckless pessimism, but for us to descend into the very depths of ourselves, and from there ascertain if something might come to life.*

—Sueki Fumihiko

Benoit Vermander

EMPTY YET INEXHAUSTIBLE  
Reading the *Daodejing* with Others



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*This book is the start of a radically new form of dialogue with Daoism; as such, it requires of those who enter its pages a slow, self-reflective read.*

—John Lagerwy

*Vermander's book... is an exercise in close reading, a cross-cultural meditation on mystical writings, but perhaps most of all a work of profound mystical theology reflective of an ancient tradition and its parallels in Christian thought that is at once empty and inexhaustible.*

—David Jasper

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## Empty yet Inexhaustible

### Reading the *Daodejing* with Others

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Benoît VERMANDER

The *Laozi/Daodejing* belongs to a rarefied class of texts that first strike the reader by their immediacy, their boldness and their concision, before further study leads one to engage in a voyage that progresses from one layer of difficulty to another. These texts are endowed with an inner life that nurtures our innermost selves.

At the same time, it is simply impossible to comment on the Laozi without referring to the tradition(s) it has generated. This book endeavors to read the *Daodejing* “with others”—with its Chinese commentators, with its contemporary exegetes, with the Pseudo-Denys and Master Eckhart—and, by doing so, it shows this short treatise to be as inexhaustible as the mystery towards which it points

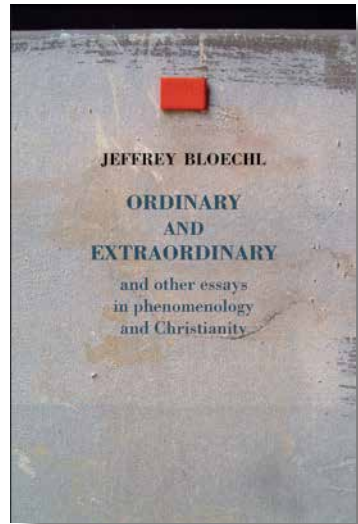
# Ordinary and Extraordinary

## and other essays in phenomenology and Christianity

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Jeffrey BLOECHL

On important points, phenomenology and Christianity meet without possibility of assimilation. At the threshold of their encounter, each learns more of what it truly is from a realization of what it is not. The texts collected here are oriented by this conviction, and pursue an account of Christian experience within the limits that it anticipates. Essays on topics such as prayer, theophany, and the theological virtues develop positive analyses until arriving at phenomena that must remain contested by the two approaches. The work as a whole also begins to outline an interpretation of the Christian relation to the emergence of the secular in North Atlantic culture.



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— from the Preface

Matthew C. Kruger

The Gospel  
and Nothingness



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*Kruger's book was for me, both as an academic and a committed Christian, a welcome kōan, powerful in its sincere and poetic call toward humble and reflective action, despite—or perhaps because of—its controversial or seemingly incongruous explorations.*

—Curtis Rigsby

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## The Gospel and Nothingness

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Matthew C. KRUGER

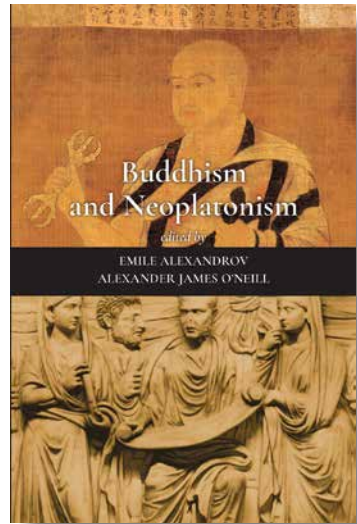
*The Gospel and Nothingness* is a work of Christian theology formed in dialogue with Zen Buddhist philosophy. Using the work of Nishida Kitarō and Nishitani Keiji as a philosophical foundation, this book argues for the centrality of nothingness in Christian life and thought. It accomplishes this end primarily through the interpretation of scripture, exploring passages throughout the Bible in their relation to apophasis, nihilism, emptiness, and meaninglessness. These interpretations are supported with reference to thinkers across the Christian tradition and beyond: from Aquinas, Athanasius, and Bonaventure, to Eckhart, Hemingway, and Wittgenstein, along with contemporary historical-critical scholarship and, finally, the instances where Nishida and Nishitani interpret the biblical text themselves.

## Buddhism and Neoplatonism

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This pioneering volume lays the basis for a full-scale dialogue between two traditions long kept apart: Buddhism and Neoplatonism. Cultivating both philosophical sophistication and intensive historical exploration, the fourteen authors, all seasoned specialists, course through questions of metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, religion, and history, conscious of the great promise opened up by intersection between eastern and western thought. Both scholars and enthusiasts will find much here that is intellectually gripping, presented in nuanced, sophisticated, but accessible language and with vivid examples. Each contributor brings seasoned scholarship and years of intensive reflection to their chosen theme, and together they have produced an unprecedented and indispensable vademecum for a dialogue between Buddhism and Neoplatonism.



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*Art history, archaeology, South Asian, and Hellenic Studies confirm that Buddhists and Greek thinkers exchanged ideas and theories. Previous generations of philosophers like Hegel and Fyodor Stcherbatsky have noted striking similarities between the two traditions. The papers brought together in this volume revitalize this exchange by bringing Buddhist and Neoplatonic philosophers into conversation. It is a unique contribution to the field of comparative philosophy.*

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Philosophical Challenges of Indian Mahāyāna



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—Bart Dessein

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## Reality Itself

### Philosophical Challenges of Indian Mahāyāna

Joseph S. O’LEARY

*Reality Itself* is a set of fifteen essays exploring interactions between Buddhist and Western philosophy. The first section presents the two traditions as sharing a quest for reality itself and illustrates this in discussions of everyday life, forgiveness, and religion. The second section engages with central concepts of Mahāyāna Buddhism: emptiness in the Heart Sutra, non-duality in the Vimalakirti Sutra, and skillful means in the Lotus Sutra. The third section focuses on Nāgārjuna’s Root Verses of the Middle Way, showing how their dialectical logic and their dyad of ultimate and conventional can be applied in discussing divine personality, time, and truth. The final section studies interactions between Buddhism and Western thinkers (Hume, Hegel, Husserl, and Sartre), chiefly on the topic of self and non-self. The book should be of interest to graduate students in philosophy and theology

ENTRE LE VISIBLE ET L'INVISIBLE 1

# Chemins Philosophiques

## Recherches autour du visible et de l'invisible

Baudouin DECHARNEUX &  
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Les études ici réunies relèvent le défi d'aborder par le biais de perspectives différentes l'articulation de deux « catégories » fondamentales dans les domaines conceptuellement déterminants de notre histoire, la philosophie et la religion.

Si les différents sujets analysés diffèrent considérablement, cela tient à la volonté de présenter précisément différentes manières d'aborder un sujet qui les relient. Ce sont ces différences qui font la richesse de cette publication, première d'une série dédiée au rapport entre le Visible et l'Invisible, et qui nous emmène d'une réflexion métaphysique de la pensée entretenant en quelque sorte un dialogue rigoureux, mais aussi intime avec elle-même, à quelques fines analyses philosophico-politiques ou anthropologiques des sociétés africaines.

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rons dans l'intersection du  
visible et de l'invisible par le biais  
de différentes manifestations, les  
rapports entre philosophie, religion  
et science qui ont une histoire qui  
remonte aux origines même de la  
philosophie. Leur différence réside  
toutefois en ce que la philosophie  
peut déployer un discours raisonné  
sur la religion, ce que la religion ne  
saurait faire. L'une englobe en se ra-  
contant; l'autre se dit en englobant.  
L'une tend vers la vérité; l'autre  
soutient sa vérité.*

—les Éditeurs

## Storia della teologia giapponese

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FURUYA Yasuo

Trad. a cura di Tiziano TOSOLINI

Il testo presenta per la prima volta ai lettori italiani una storia della teologia giapponese scritta da pensatori giapponesi. L'opera ripercorre cronologicamente le tappe principali che hanno scandito l'assimilazione e l'elaborazione degli studi teologici in Giappone a partire dalla prima generazione di teologi, vissuti tra il XIX e il XX secolo, fino alla quarta generazione che ha avuto inizio nel 1970. In quest'ultimo periodo si assiste infatti alla transizione da una teologia importata principalmente dall'Europa a una teologia originale, autonoma, frutto di un ripensamento e riformulazione del messaggio cristiano all'interno della cultura giapponese in seguito a un processo di indigenizzazione del Cristianesimo in Giappone



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*Until recently Japanese theologians exhausted most of their efforts in adapting to their context discussions shaped by the Western experience. But now they are doing genuinely original work in the understanding of God that may prove to be in advance of what is taking place in the West.*

—John B. Cobb, Jr.

## Joysis Crisis

### Reading James Joyce, Theomasochistically

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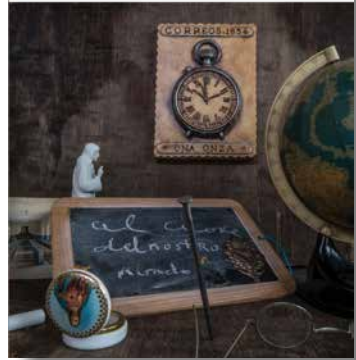
Joseph S. O'LEARY

“*Joysis Crisis* compellingly documents how Joyce’s revolution of the word ‘wrestles with reality itself,’ resulting in truth-telling about the divine and the human.... Joseph S. O’Leary argues that Joyce’s texts stage a crisis that is both binding and freeing: ‘an event in writing and language, but also a religious event, a sexual event, and a collective crisis of his city and nation, or of European civilization.’ Joyce seeks through his art to grasp the ungraspable world, ‘a micro and a macrocosm ineluctably constructed upon the incertitude of the void,’ to reveal the real. His art is a labor of transformation and a labor of redemption, sounding the depths of existence, revealing the spectrum of suffering humanity, transmuting that suffering through agonistic yet redemptive writing, and translating historical material into something rich and strange: a visionary aesthetic labor that is ‘a parable of the eschatological transformation that religions yearn for.’”

—Ellen Carol Jones

Joseph S. O’Leary

### JOYSIS CRISIS

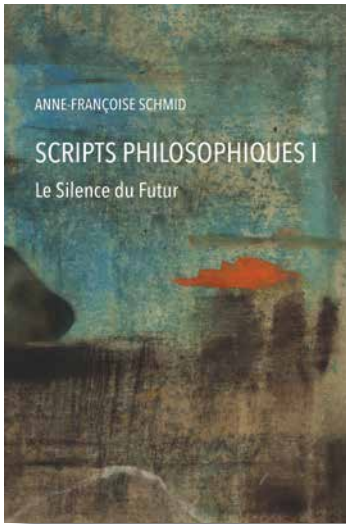


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*O’Leary demonstrates an encyclopedic knowledge and appreciation of centuries of exegetical debate (and debaters)... Like the best scholarship, it bears rereading—the first time for the outline of how O’Leary proposes seeing the manifestation of the sacred within the secular in Joyce, the second time to admire how thoroughly and conscientiously he has gathered echoes of Joyce’s quest in hundreds of like-minded seekers.*

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*Cet ouvrage est un ensemble guidé par quelques idées fondamentales, celle de l'importance des hypothèses en philosophie, celle de la multiplicité de droit des philosophies, qui est un principe de générosité, un principe d'admiration – les philosophies sont magnifiques et belles comme les plus hautes cathédrales –, un principe de non-exclusion, ainsi que l'idée que notre époque – celle des multiplicités – nous conduit à écrire avec les philosophies, plutôt qu'à l'intérieur de l'une d'entre elles, et, ce faisant, à construire progressivement un espace générique pour les philosophies.*

—Anne-Françoise Schmid

STUDIA PHILOSOPHICA 3

## Scripts philosophiques I

### Le silence du futur

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Anne-Françoise SCHMID

Présentation théorique et expérimentale de la philosophie dans ses multiplicités et ses relations aux sciences contemporaines (les « nouveaux objets ») et les arts (fictions et travaux avec les artistes). Dans cet ouvrage, de la multiplicité des philosophies et du principe de non-exclusion, s'opère doucement un passage aux relations aux autres disciplines et à l'effet de leur introduction dans le style philosophique.

## Scripts philosophiques II

### Le cogito des multiplicités

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Anne-Françoise SCHMID

Le deuxième tome de l'ouvrage *Scripts philosophiques* se présente sous la forme d'un lieu de multiplicités philosophiques. Qu'est-ce qui les tient ensemble ? Une fidélité, à la philosophie sans doute, une fidélité au réel surtout. Contempler les philosophies dans leur multiplicité change l'écriture philosophique. La multiplicité fonctionne comme une plateforme, voire un ensemble de plateformes superposées, où il est possible d'extraire des fragments à recomposer autrement. Les concepts sont les voyageurs entre les plateformes et charrient des extraits qui s'adaptent graduellement à leur nouveau lieu.



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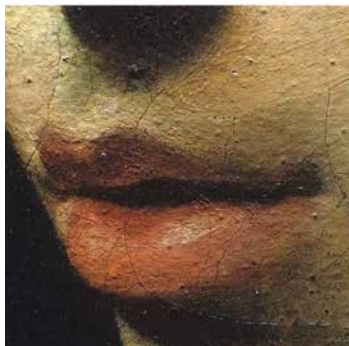
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—Anne-Françoise Schmid

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Gadamer and Levinas in Dialogue



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*Nowhere in the many articles and books of Gadamer or Levinas is there a lengthy reference to each other's achievements or works. In their long-standing careers as philosophers and researchers, they never met. This book is an attempt to construct a dialogue between these two major philosophical figures.*

—the Author

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## The Language of Being and Otherness

### Gadamer and Levinas in Dialogue

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Tiziano TOSOLINI

*The Language of Being and Otherness* stages an engagement between Hans-Georg Gadamer (1900–2002) and Emmanuel Levinas (1906–1995), two of the leading figures in twentieth-century European and continental philosophy. As an exposition and critical discussion of their original thinking, it is guided by their respective understanding of language and communication. The author shows how bringing to light their underlying philosophical differences—principally through a detailed analysis of Gadamer's hermeneutics and Levinas' reflections on ethics—suggests ways the two philosophers might be brought into closer dialogue.

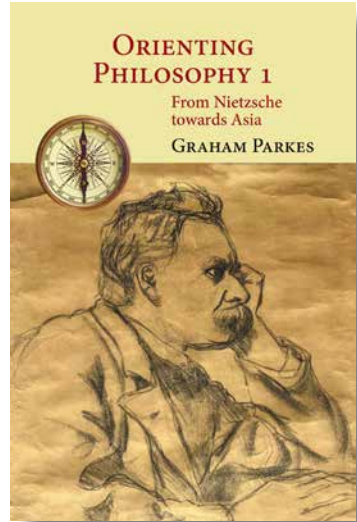
## Orienting Philosophy 1

### From Nietzsche Towards Asia

Graham PARKES

This is the first of three volumes of essays on Orienting Philosophy, to be followed by vol. 2: Towards China, and vol. 3: Towards Japan. I

In this volume, Nietzsche is the main point of departure for engagements with Indian Buddhist ideas, and then Chinese and Japanese philosophies. (In several essays Heidegger is more the point.) Compatibilities emerge between Nietzsche's understanding of "the world as will to power" and various forms of "panpsychism" to be found in Europe as well as Asia. This prompts a rethinking of the relationship between the natural world and the divine, as well as our assumptions concerning time and mortality, the so-called "dead" world of rocks and stone, and the lives of "inanimate" things. A better understanding of these issues can help us think more productively about our current environmental predicament, and dispose us more favorably towards philosophies that can offer orientation in these unsettling times.



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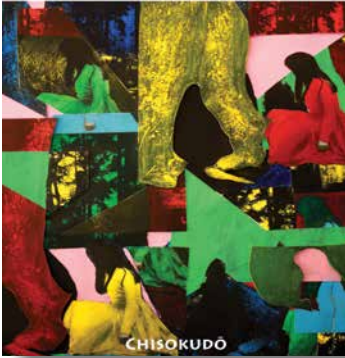
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*"I hope that these essays will persuade the reader, should he or she need persuading, of the benefits of orienting philosophy towards Asia and the role Nietzsche can play in this venture. We gain a better sense of the Western tradition when we gain some distance from it, and a better understanding of the world when we think from non-Western perspectives as well. And if readers of Nietzsche are prompted to inquire into East-Asian ways of thinking, a comparative-philosophical approach beginning from his work will afford support on the way."*

Marc Peeters

L'Architectonique

Kant et le problème logique de l'ontologie dans la  
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*Dans son Architectonique, Marc Peeters relève un défi remarquable qui consiste à pratiquer une histoire de la philosophie prospective – non plus historiographique, ni engoncée dans un cadre herméneutique.*

*[...] Il nous offre bien un spécimen de recherche réellement novateur comme en témoignent les tables qu'il propose que je trouve particulièrement éclairantes. Chaque paragraphe dans ce livre incite à un arrêt et force à la surprise.*

—Jean-Maurice Monnoyer

STUDIA PHILOSOPHICA 1

## L'Architectonique

### Kant et le problème logique de l'ontologie dans la « Critique de la Raison Pure »

Marc PEETERS

L'ouvrage qu'on va lire est un travail de métaphysique spéculative. C'est dire déjà qu'il se veut une prise de position politique et philosophique en ces temps incertains de barbarie. Il est inactuel et intempestif. Dans la lignée de la *Philosophia perennis*, ce texte est une mise en évidence de l'apparence métaphysique au cœur de l'architectonique kantienne. Cette apparence se décline comme abolition apparente du temps que l'auteur met en évidence à travers quatre concepts heuristiques: le simulacre, la discrépance, la reprise et l'historicité transcendante.

A la recherche du non-dit de la *Critique de la Raison Pure*, cet ouvrage s'interroge aussi sur les conditions de possibilité d'une philosophie du langage, de l'histoire et de la logique. Nous voyons que ces domaines de la méditation métaphysique constituent un impensé de l'architectonique comme philosophie cosmique.

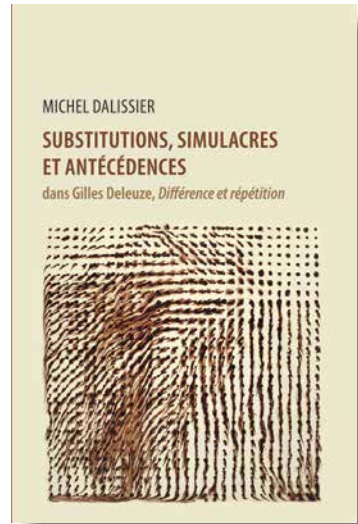
# Substitutions, simulacres et antécédences

## dans Gilles Deleuze, *Différence et répétition*

Michel DALISSIER

Il va s'agir ici de différer, c'est-à-dire d'offrir une approche neuve du *Différence et répétition* de Gilles Deleuze. Cette différence va s'éprouver à travers l'exploitation des philosophèmes de simulation, de doublage, de métaphysique et de non-être. La gageure d'une telle variation différentielle est de se mettre à l'école de la philosophie deleuzienne, et de saisir plus intimement la nature de ses conceptions typiques.

Ce schématisme n'a pourtant rien de réducteur ou de mécanique, puisqu'il permet précisément de démasquer la schématique qui le recouvre et le mécanise. De surcroît, il nous fait apprécier plus clairement la proximité et la distance qu'entretient la pensée deleuzienne avec celle de ses contemporains, de France ou d'ailleurs.



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*En bref, il s'agira de montrer en quoi une approche de la pensée deleuzienne, issue de son propre sein, axée sur Différence et répétition tout en s'autorisant périodiquement de Logique du sens, permet tout d'abord un approfondissement topologique plus intime de ses structures et de ses enjeux. Elle ambitionne également de suggérer une exégèse de nature métaphysique de la philosophie de la différence et de la répétition...*

—Michel Dalissier

## The Death of the Soul

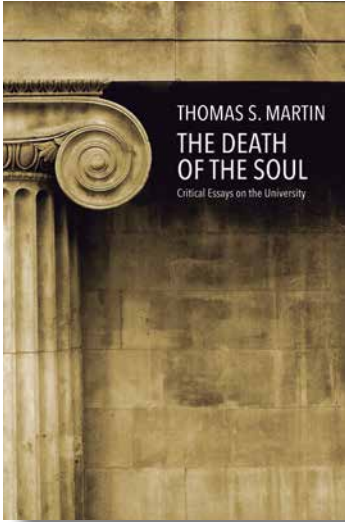
### Critical Essays on the University

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Thomas S. MARTIN

Thomas Martin's collection of essays, both satirical and pointed, are aimed at a critique of the life of the secular university which has become cut off its roots. Rather than one body that recognizes and accepts man's natural rights aimed at the common good, it has become a multi-bodied, ever progressive, forward-looking creation, bound to the beat of the ideology that there is no enemy other than the man who is not open to everything.

The author reminds us that the word "university" houses an idea that comes from the Latin *universum*, which in turn grew from the neuter of *universus*, the base from which the word "universe" evolved, meaning the whole body of things and phenomena observed or postulated. A university, therefore, allows for the democracy of the dead rather than merely the oligarchy of the living who just happen to be walking around.



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*Throughout this collection of essays, Professor Martin judges the modern academy with both of his eyes wide open. More often than not he doesn't like what he sees. His judgment is often scathing and is expressed with epigrammatic succinctness.... in this delightfully incisive and insightful volume*  
—Joseph Pearce

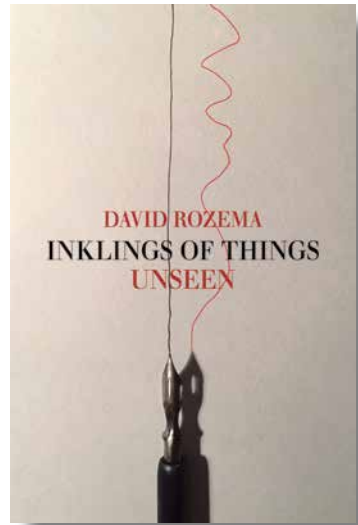
## Inklings of Things Unseen

### Philosophical Essays on Literature

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David ROZEMA

*Inklings of Things Unseen* is a collection of essays that seek to engage—or re-engage—readers with literature. Intended as an antidote to much of the modern and post-modern critical approach to reading literary works, the author seeks to draw readers back to the spirit of these works, urging them to read with a receptive attitude, a careful ear, and an eye for the truths and beauties that remain unseen when obscured by the imposition of various literary theories. Beginning with the question, “What is it to read literature, as literature?” the author draws on writers such as Albert Camus, Alexander Solzhenitsyn, and C. S. Lewis to show that that “the lifeblood of literature is the set of common joys and griefs, the common blessings and sufferings of mankind.” Works of literature, written so as to show the truth about—and give voice to—the various kinds of souls who exist in the world, is only written or read as literature when those truths and voices affect us so as to shape and form our own souls for the better.

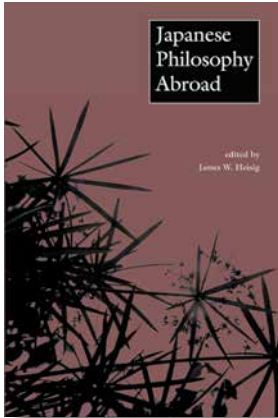


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*If literature and philosophy professors across the nation returned to this at once en-nobled and humble vision of man, if they began again to invite students into a dialogue that truly engaged their reason, their passion, and their will, then I suppose our decaying humanities buildings could not hold the students who would be fighting to enter in.*

—Louis Markos



## Japanese Philosophy Abroad

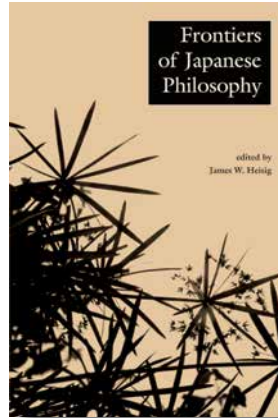
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The story of modern philosophy's arrival in Japan cannot be told without taking into account the broader intellectual history with which it blended to produce the broad spectrum of philosophical thought we find today. Moreover, it was precisely in the context of the encounter with Western thought that many classical Japanese thinkers were rediscovered and their heritage reconsidered. In this volume, fifteen scholars from ten countries take up these questions in the attempt to make the influence, development, varieties of interpretation, and philosophical content of Japanese thought more accessible to Western readers.

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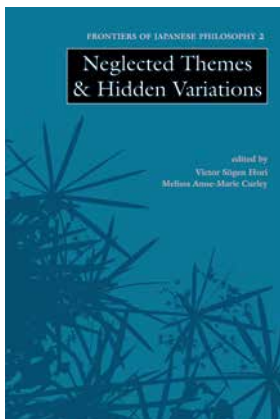
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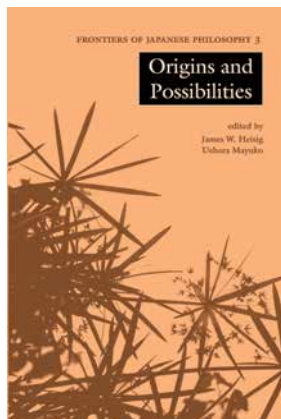
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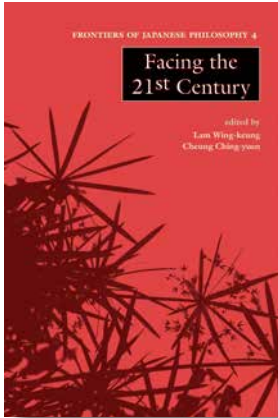
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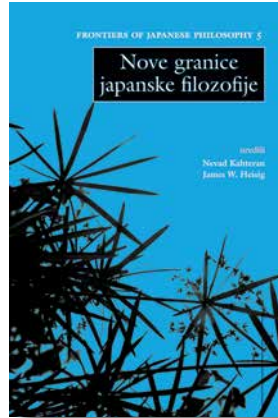
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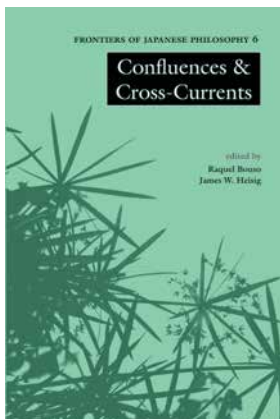
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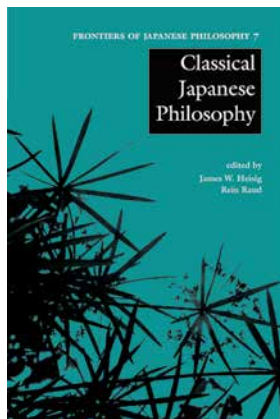
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Worldwide interest in Japanese intellectual history has grown steadily over the past years. Although much remains to be done if Japanese philosophy is to shed its esoteric and exotic image in order to take its rightful place in the curriculum as one of the many valuable sources of philosophical reflection, the ongoing dialogue among veterans in the field and younger scholars reflected in these pages is as promising as it has ever been.

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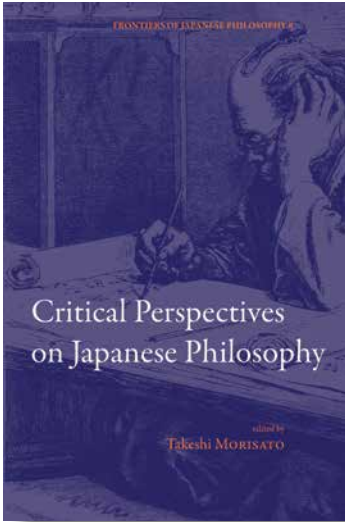
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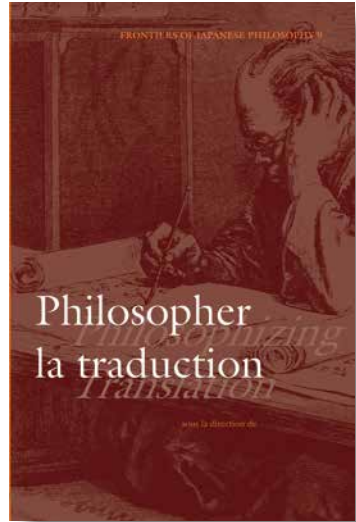
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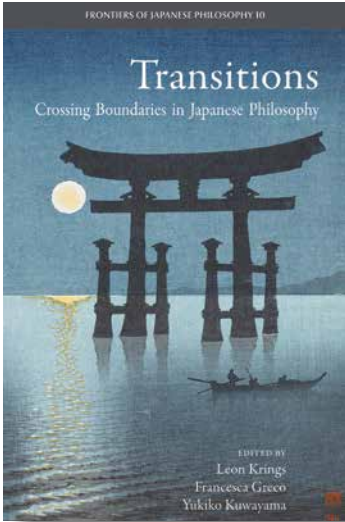


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*If, as I believe, philosophy by its very nature entails a fundamental “translatedness” (that is, if translating is essential to philosophizing), Japanese philosophy has much to gain from taking a closer look at the question of translation. In addition to opening up new perspectives on the role and meaning of translation itself, it can help us probe more deeply into fundamental problems of Japanese philosophy.*

—the Editor



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### Crossing Boundaries in Japanese Philosophy

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*Transitions are generally characterized by a creative vagueness and openness, a multi-faceted, iridescent, and continually changing process....The phenomena of transition are more than the concrete tracks they leave along the way. They blur the boundaries between apparently distinct phenomena and the predefined concepts associated with them, enabling them to resonate and emerge in provocative, often contradictory arrangements. Japanese philosophy is rich in examples of this process.*

—the Editors

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— Jeffrey Bloechl



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—Marco Palladino

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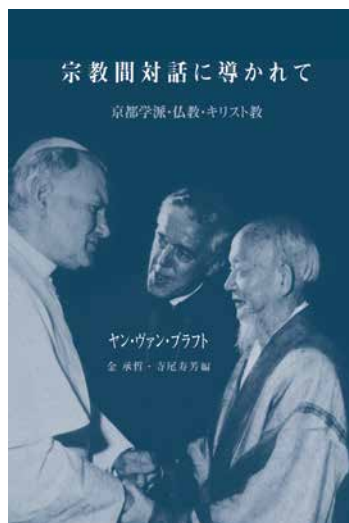
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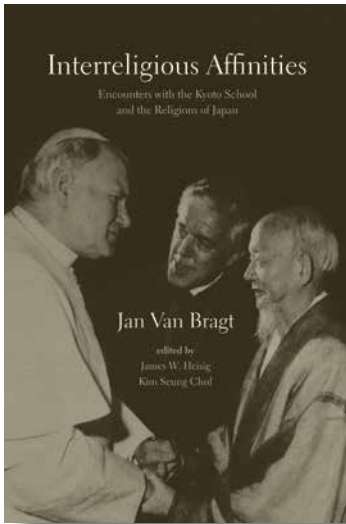


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## Interreligious Affinities

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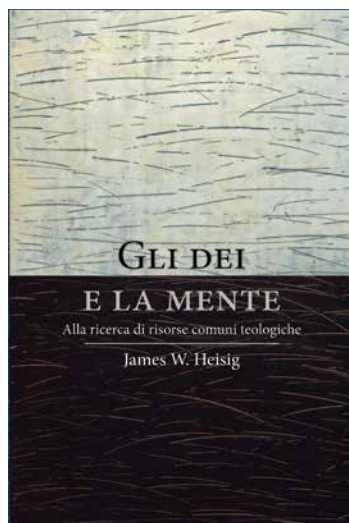
## Alla ricerca di beni comuni teologici

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James W. HEISIG

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A chi possiamo chiedere di perdonarci di aver abusato della Terra e della sua ricchezza? Alla fine, la Terra non perdona, nemmeno se fa del suo meglio per curarsi le ferite che soffre a causa nostra. Alzare gli occhi al cielo e implorare il perdono senza fare riparazione non è altro che un'oscenità verso le generazioni che erediteranno le conseguenze della nostra inazione. A meno di porre fine all'esperimento evolutivo che ha prodotto gli esseri umani, l'unico modo in cui la Terra può espriare il nostro peccato contro di essa e far sì che la coscienza umana sia all'altezza della situazione. La Terra ci rivolge a noi stessi in un modo che nessun'altra forma di autoriflessione può fare. E, potremmo dire, il nostro innato stimolo al non-se.

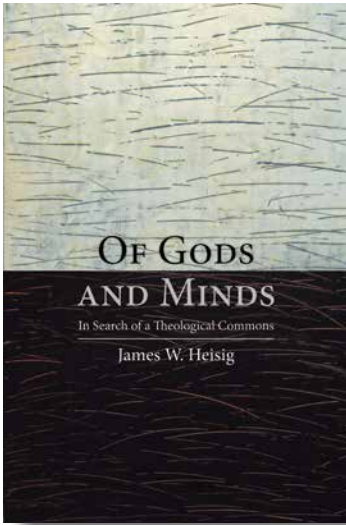


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—Francesca Greco



## Of Gods and Minds In Search of a Theological Commons

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James W. HEISIG

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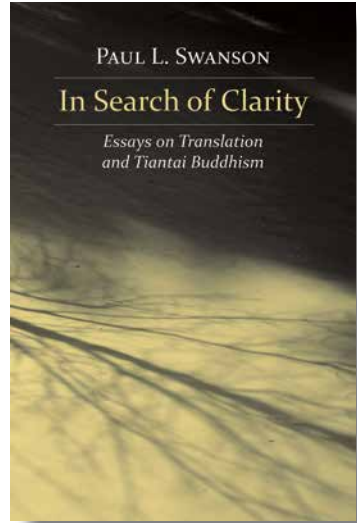
# In Search of Clarity

## Essays on Translation and Tiantai Buddhism

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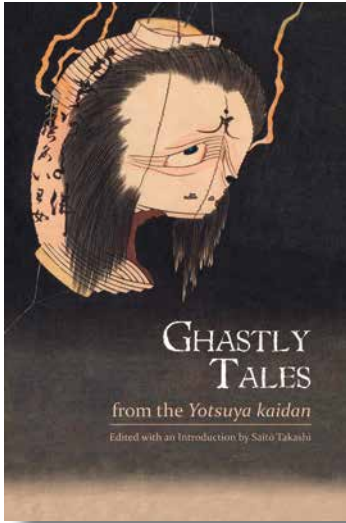


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*The purpose of Buddhism is clarity; it is a search for clarity. To feel clearly, so as to avoid damaging passionate attachments; to see clearly, so as to be able to respond to circumstances in a positive and healthy way; to think clearly, so as to act with wisdom and compassion. One should advance from darkness to light, from debilitating attachments to true liberation, from ignorance to a knowing wisdom, from blind selfishness to insightful compassion....*

—the Author



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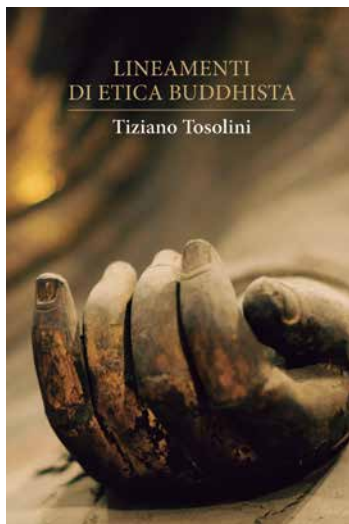
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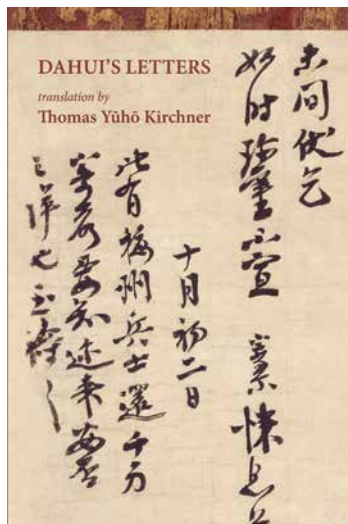
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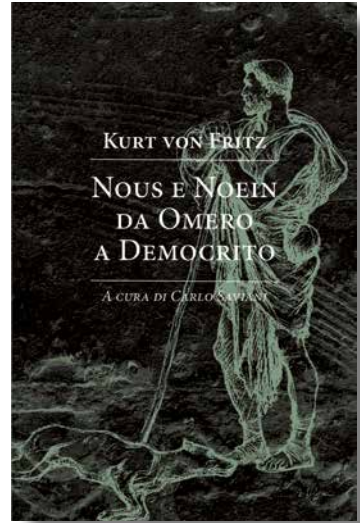
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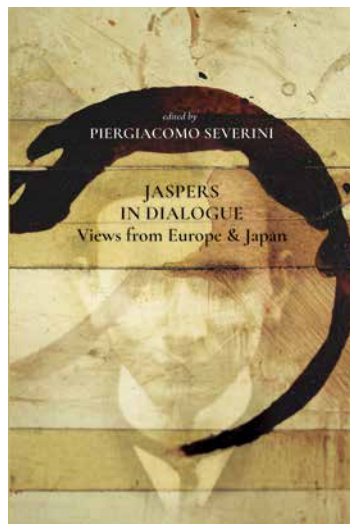
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