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*Artur Przybysławski*

## Thales and the Beginnings of European Reflection

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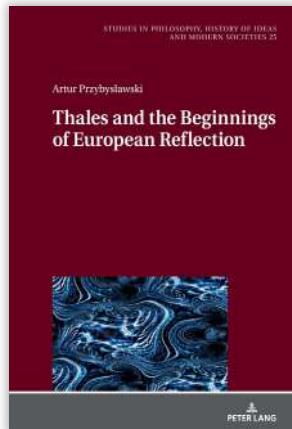
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This book *Thales and the Beginnings of European Reflection* is more than a field guide to all major testimonies about Thales. It does not merely contain a summary and critique of the available literature on the subject, but also lays down a new, holistic interpretation of Thales from a perspective that brings to light several important, but previously overlooked issues. An emphasis on mythology in Thales' thought combined with discourse analysis and a comprehensive treatment of his thinking in its pre-philosophical and pre-scientific unity is hoped to offer a unique and deeper insight

into Thales' genius and the beginnings of European reflection.

*Agnieszka Świtkiewicz-Blandzi*

## Pseudo-Dionysius and Gregory Palamas

The Byzantine Synthesis of Eastern Patristics

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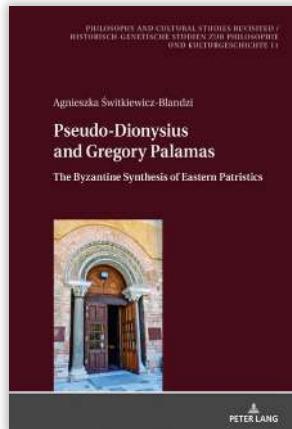
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The study shows the reception of the views of Pseudo-Dionysius Areopagite by Gregory Palamas. The author presents the doctrinal context of Palamas' dispute with Barlaam from Calabria on the possibility of knowing God, the most important issue in 14<sup>th</sup>-century Byzantium. The author distances herself from many previous interpretations of this problem. She proves that, considering how much Palamas succumbed or did not succumb to the Areopagite or "corrected" his position, he has a very weak doctrinal basis. The author notices that over-emphasizing Dionysius' dependence on the Neoplatonic tradition does not lead to a solution to the problem. Palamas' teachings are placed in the context of the traditions of the Christian East and their relation to the thoughts of the Areopagite himself.

*Lyman Tower Sargent*

## Rethinking Utopia and Utopianism

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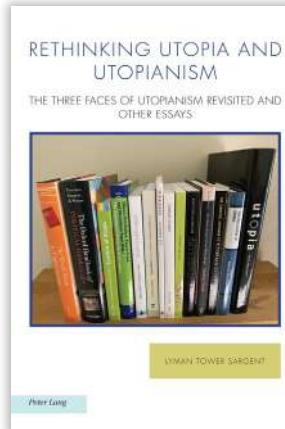
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Utopianism envisions a significantly different society than the current one and includes utopian literature, intentional communities, and utopian social theory. This volume reprints some of the author's articles on utopianism together with two not previously published and notes on how they came to be written and his reflections from 2021.

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## Philosophie du sous-sol

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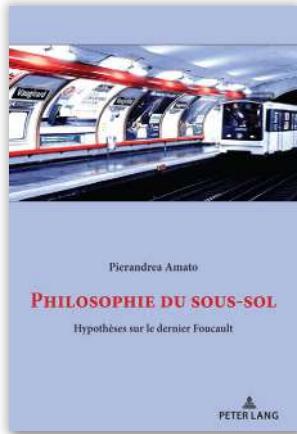
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Marcin Krasnodębski

## Green Chemistry

A Brief Historical Critique

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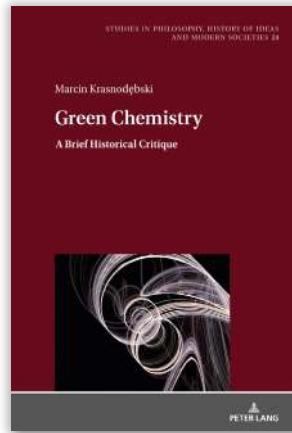
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In recent decades, green chemistry dominated the imagination of sustainability scholars all over the world and was embraced by leading global universities and companies. This new concept is supposed to address the environmental crisis by making chemistry safer and less polluting. And yet, under this seemingly straightforward success story hides a tangled and ambiguous reality: alternative frameworks, shoddy greenness criteria, and power struggles. This book retraces the history of the green chemistry concept and critically assesses its claims and dominant narratives about it. It

is an indispensable guide for all those interested in the challenges of sustainability, whether they have background in chemistry or not. Its underlying question is: is green chemistry really that green?

Matthew Gildersleeve • Andrew Crowden (eds.)

## Philosophy of Place

Finding Place and Self in the World

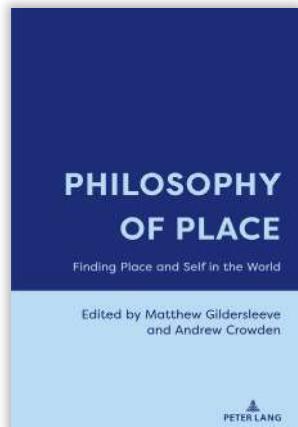
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This book discusses the philosophy of place and the implications for understanding ourselves authentically. It sets out to investigate this by providing a review of the phenomenological and humanistic views of place as background reading for the chapters that follow. This contributed book offers unique chapters from international scholars on place in relation to individual philosophers such as Nietzsche, Sloterdijk, Foucault, as well as more broad areas of research including Ecology, Ontogenesis, Bioethics and Metaphysics. The book then presents an integration of the arguments of the contributing authors to give a better and fresh insight to the relationship between place and self. This fusion of chapters amplifies each to show how they all have an important contribution to an expanded understanding of place and self. This combination of topics as well as each author's view of place makes this book an important contribution to the literature. The book is intended for philosophers but would also be of interest to a general audience.

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Michael H. Mitias

## Human Dialogue

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This book is an elucidation and defense of four main propositions: (1) human nature is essentially rational; (2) rational nature is a conversation; (3) as the essential fabric of human nature, the reason exists as a potentiality in the formal organization of the human body; and (4) at the individual and collective levels, humanity grows and develops in the medium of conversation. Moreover, human nature is the unity of the capacities of intellect, which aims at the value of truth, goodness, which aims at the value of human love or happiness, and will, which aims at the value of freedom. Accordingly, in any type of human dialogue, or conversation, the dialogist should act as a human being and treats the other dialogist as a human being. This assumption underlies the analysis of the basic types of individual and inter-institutional dialogue.

R.B.E. Price

## The False Past

A Nietzschean Account of Australian Settler Colonialism

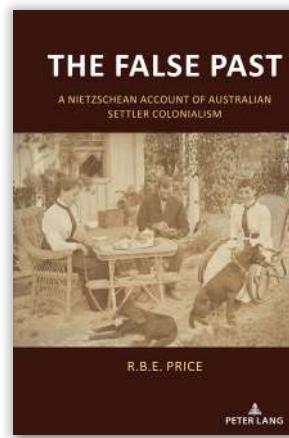
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Provocative and disconcerting, *The False Past* confronts what many generations hold dear about their memorials.

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Marc Maesschalck

## Penser la religion

De Fichte et Schelling à Agamben

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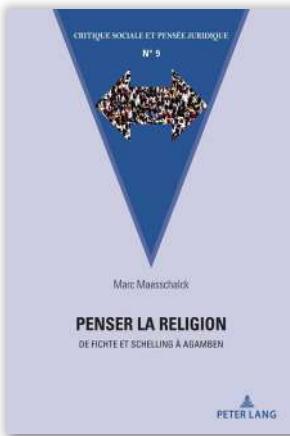
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Cet ouvrage se base sur un travail exégétique fouillé de l'idéalisme religieux postkantien. Son objectif est de parvenir à montrer l'utilité d'un tel exercice pour notre intelligence contemporaine des phénomènes religieux. La thèse défendue est que l'idéalisme postkantien est la première tentative systématique de théorie non dogmatique de la religion et que s'il parvient à ce tour de force après Kant, c'est parce qu'au lieu d'en rester à une approche minimaliste des contenus de croyance en rapport aux limites de la raison, tant théorique que pratique, il déplace son angle d'approche vers le sujet croyant.

Pour y arriver, il crée une matrice épistémologique qui lui permet de comprendre comment l'expérience du sujet croyant, la foi, agit sur sa perception de soi, des autres et du monde, au point d'introduire en lui une forme de variation affective, de trouble pulsionnel, qui engage des choix comportementaux. Si Fichte ouvre sur cette base une voie vers une thérapeutique du soi et une théorie critique de la religion, Schelling, pour sa part, est plus sensible à une économique holistique du développement de la vie dont un auteur comme Agamben permet de mieux saisir aujourd'hui tous les enjeux. Dans les deux cas, ce tournant épistémologique ouvre l'espace dans lequel les sciences humaines des religions pourront élaborer leurs discours au XXe siècle. Mais en reconSIDérant l'origine de ce mouvement d'émancipation épistémologique à l'égard des croyances religieuses, force est aussi de reconnaître qu'un souci qui guidait les idéalistes en se concentrant sur le sujet croyant était de parvenir à maintenir le lien entre ces ordres de croyance et la capacité politique du vivre ensemble. C'est ce lien qui nous semble devoir être réactivé aujourd'hui dans nos tentatives de penser les phénomènes religieux sans établir de cassure entre une vision herméneutique et une vision politique.

Thomas H. Brobjer

## Nietzsche's Reading and Knowledge of Philosophy

A Study, Survey and Handbook

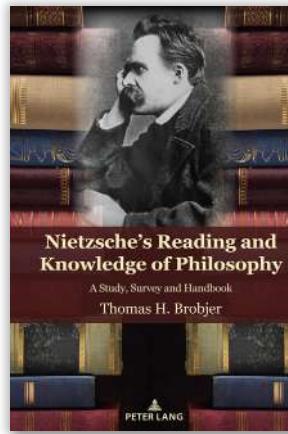
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Nietzsche read far more widely, and more actively, than he led us to believe. Reading was his most important intellectual stimulus: he lived a very isolated life for most of his career, particularly in the 1880s. Much of what Nietzsche thought and wrote, therefore, came in response to his reading. This book is an in-depth study of Nietzsche's reading and his knowledge of philosophy and philosophers. It examines his relation to the major European thinkers and Eastern traditions, as well as his knowledge and reading of intellectual women and journals of philosophy. Author Thomas

H. Brobjer has gathered much previously unpublished information about Nietzsche's reading and library, including a great deal about the annotations he made in his books. *Nietzsche's Reading and Knowledge of Philosophy* will be useful as a handbook for anyone interested in the philosophical context of Nietzsche's thought. It will become an important reference work for all those interested in Nietzsche's philosophy.

Hanna Urbańska

## The Philosophical System of *Siva Śatakam* and Other Śaiva Poems by Nārāyaṇa Guru

In Relation to *Tirumandiram* by Tirumūlar

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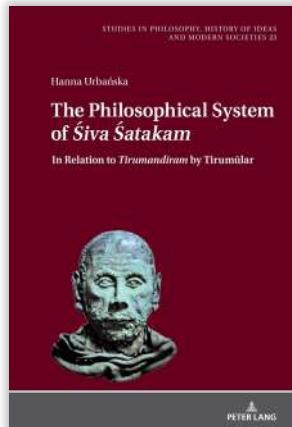
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This full-scaled monograph, rich in factographic material, concerns Nārāyaṇa Guru (1855/56–1928), a founder of a powerful socio-religious movement in Kerala. He wrote in three languages (Malayalam, Sanskrit, Tamil), drawing on three different literary conventions. The world of this complex philosophic-religious literature is brought closer to the reader with rare deft and dexterity by the Author who not only retrieves for us the original circumstances, language and poetic metre of each work but also supplies histories of their reception.

Thanks to numerous glosses, comments and elucidations supplied by the Author, we can much better understand how Nārāyaṇa's mystical universe creatively relates to the Tamil *Ceiva Siddhānta* and to Kerala's variety of *Vedānta* tradition. Prof. Cezary Galewicz

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## Zur prinzipientheoretischen Begründung des positiven Rechts im Ausgang von Hans Kelsen und Immanuel Kant

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Ansatz zu begründen und kann sich mithin als Erkenntnisprodukt jedes einzelnen Bürgers präsentieren. Die Ergebnisse der Untersuchung eröffnen einen neuen Blick auf das positive Recht.

Eric Boateng Asare

## From God-seeker to God's Co-operator

A Key to Understanding Max Scheler's Philosophy

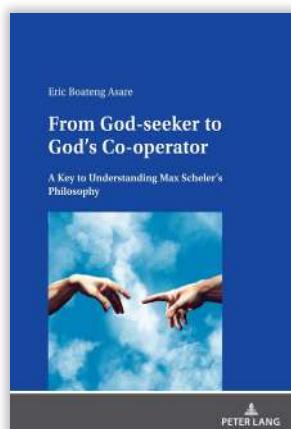
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From the first awakening of his philosophical consciousness to his last philosophical work, Max Scheler pondered questions about the human being. He thought that the anthropological question provides unity to all philosophical inquiry. Scheler's thought has not received attention in the English-speaking world as compared to those of his contemporaries due, among others, to the difficulty those new to him encounter in finding a common thread that facilitates understanding of his philosophy. Therefore, this book explores four prominent Schelerian conceptions of the human being, proposes their unfolding as a key that opens the reader to a broader and unified view of Scheler's philosophy, and offers a framework within which it could be understood.

Giosuè Ghisalberti

## Nietzsche and the Self-Revelations of a Martyr

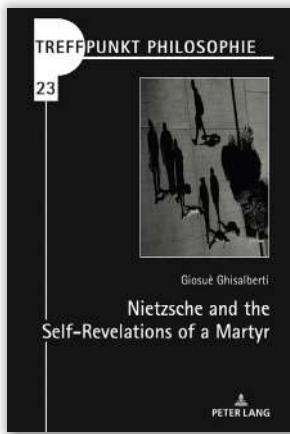
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The project examines the reasons for the many philosophical difficulties, and the failures, that Nietzsche sensed when he had concluded *The Birth of Tragedy*. The subsequent philosophical decision he made, on the way to reconceiving the classical ideas of tragedy, destiny, and martyrdom, allowed him to begin to conceive of what he would identify as a thinking devoted to affirmation. Everything he commits himself to writing after 1872, including the unpublished notes on myth from the *Philosophenbuch*, is a response to the disillusionment of his belief in Dionysos and the false promise of *tragic* affirmation.

The Greek god had become a problem and an obstacle. Sustaining him, as a philosophical idea, was going to prove to be highly mixed; the struggle would become relentless. The Greek god is, in many ways, impossible to believe in as an ideal, in antiquity or for the present; and for a specific reason: the connection between the institution of the Dionysian festival and the religious ritual of sacrifice could not be ignored by Nietzsche. His sense of a "Dionysian nausea" has been overlooked. Tragedy and sacrifice are a binding relation in the Greek polis. Nietzsche seems to recognize the fact and commits himself to directly confronting the tragedy/sacrifice relation in all his subsequent works and with the intent on being a unique, individual resource for the truth of his self-revelations. He identifies himself with a new conception of the martyr (the witness) in order to provide an alternative to the *classical* martyr as the victim of violence and death and who, moreover, is executed by the state. Socrates and Jesus are omni-present for him. Nietzsche presents himself as new world-historical alternative and the self-revelations of a witness for the individuals he will often call (especially in *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*) his friends and neighbours and disciples. Is the whole of his philosophical enterprise successful? Do his self-revelations lead to the creation of the free spirit and therefore give him some assurance about the future of his legacy? Or does his commitment to the eternal recurrence, for example, lead him to a terrible realization? The study presents the force of Nietzsche's thought as he created the resources, which he hoped could be effectively transferred to a reader, to begin to create an affirmative reality he defines from out of the fullness of the free spirit and the philosopher.

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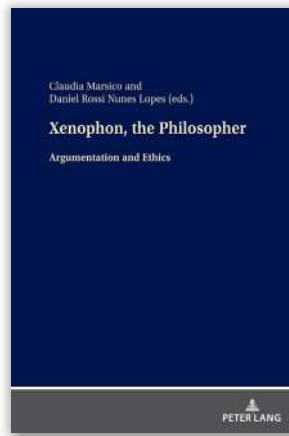
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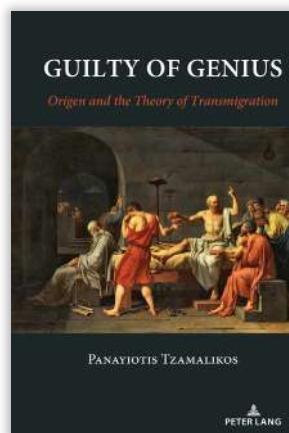
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This is an important new contribution to our understanding of Origen, and of early Christian theology and Greek philosophy in general. Casting both forwards and backwards in time, *Guilty of Genius: Origen and the Theory of Transmigration* illustrates Origen's fruitful engagement with earlier Greek philosophy, as well as his enormous influence on both later philosophers (Porphyry, Proclus) and Christian theologians, including the Cappadocians, Maximus Confessor, and the authors of the Nicene Creed.

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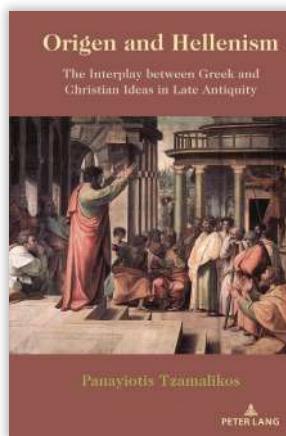
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This book elucidates and engages in critical discussion of the Greek philosophical background to the work of Origen, the great third-century scholar and theologian. The author, Professor Panayiotis Tzamalikos, has long argued that Origen was in many respects an anti-Platonist, and that the clauses in Origen's official anathematisation in AD 553 were based on misreadings by unschooled and fanatical drum-beaters. Tzamalikos has refuted those charges and demonstrated that they had nothing to do with Origen's real thought. *Origen and Hellenism* continues the argument by placing Origen's achievement in its correct context: Origen may have forsaken his ancestral religion and converted to Christianity when he was advanced in years, but he implicitly made much use of his Greek intellectual inheritance in composing his ground-breaking theological work, which paved the way to Nicaea. The author's thesis is that, in the quest to discover the real Origen, scrutiny of this background is vital. In the history of philosophy, Origen is uncategorisable as an author: his thought constitutes an unexampled chapter of its own, revealing a perfect match between Christian exegesis and Greek philosophy, which gave later episcopal orthodoxy the gravamen of its anti-Arian doctrine.

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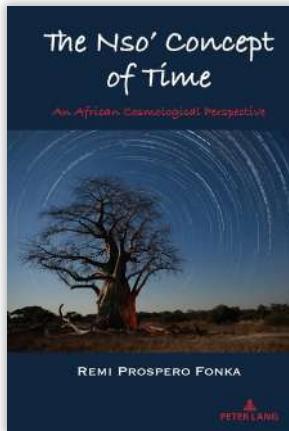
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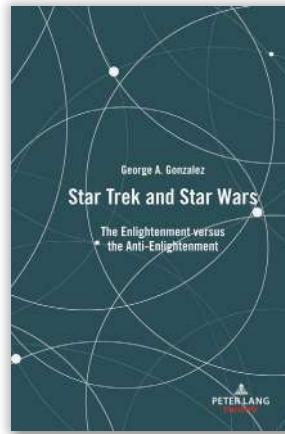
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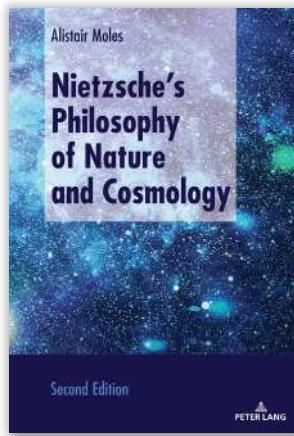
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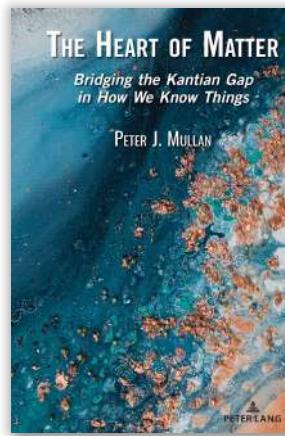
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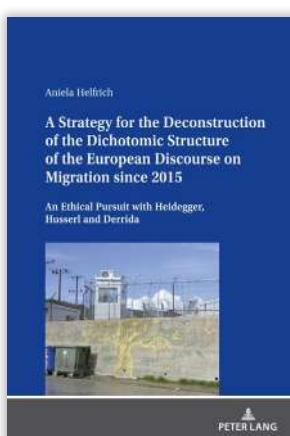
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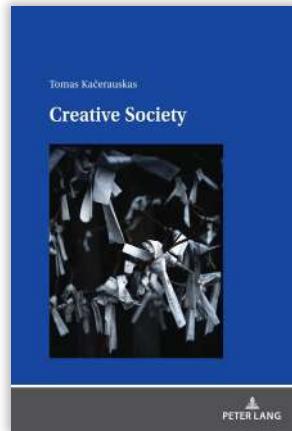
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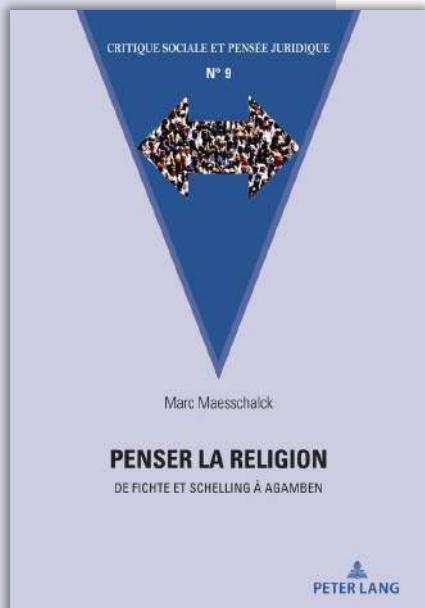
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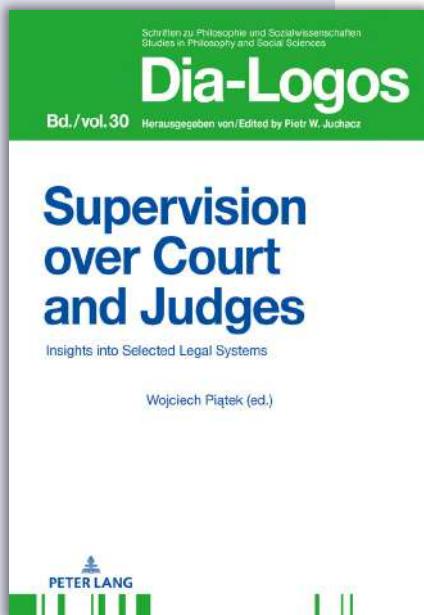
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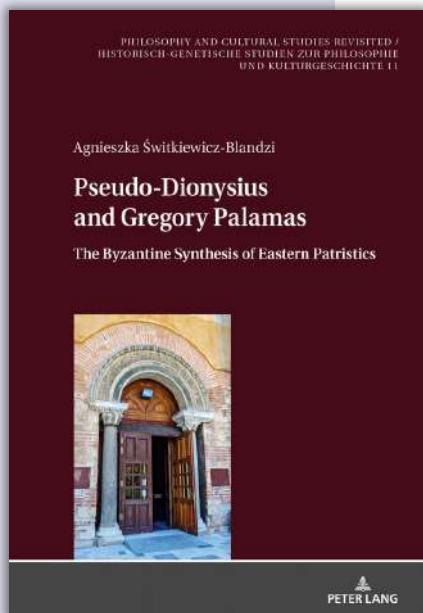
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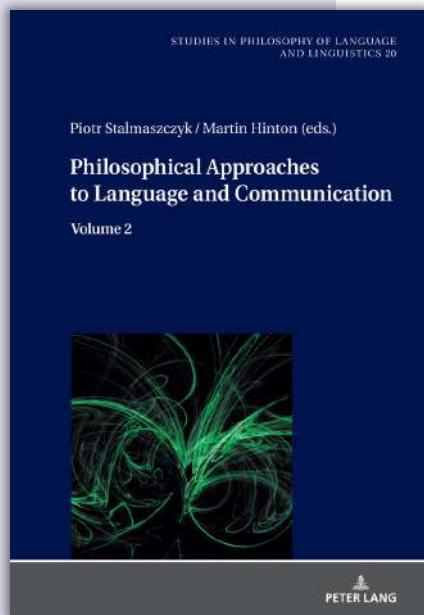
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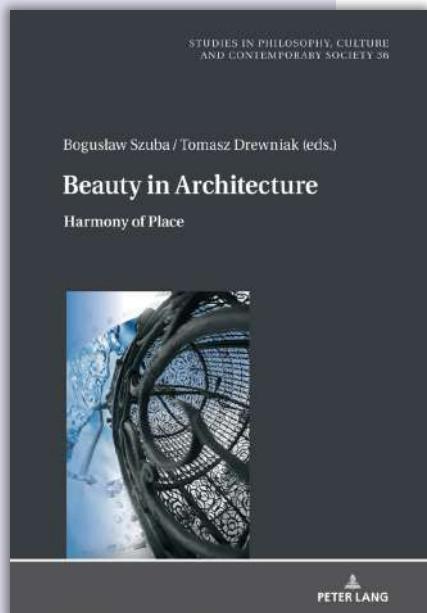
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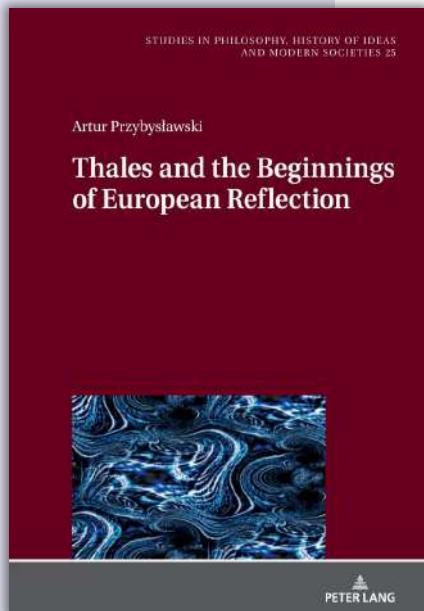
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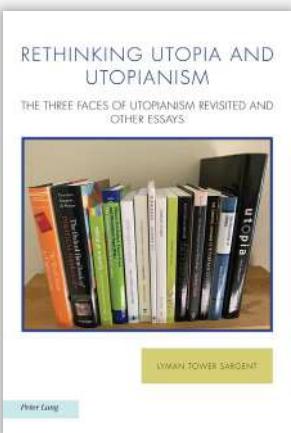
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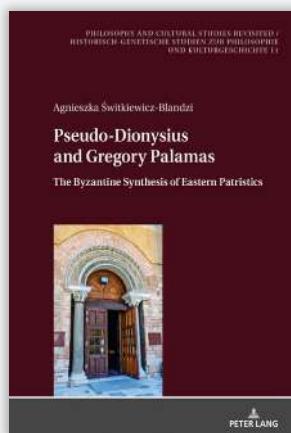
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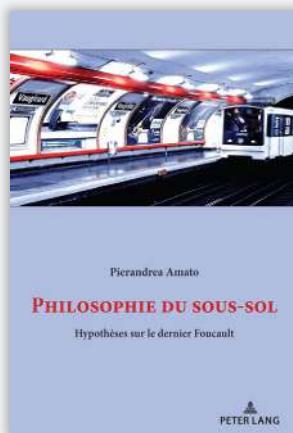
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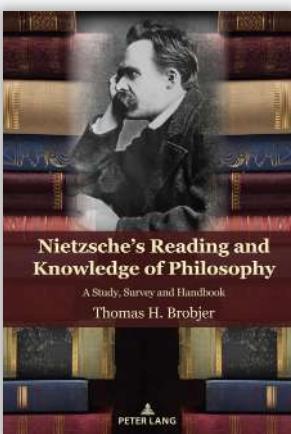
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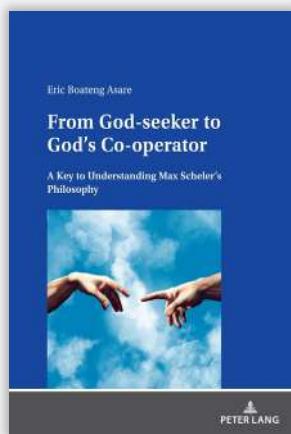
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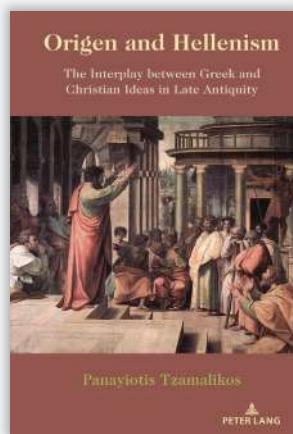
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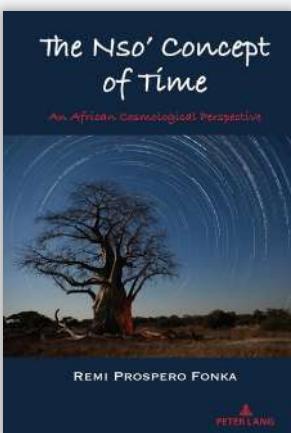
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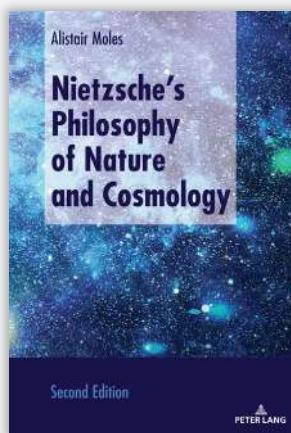
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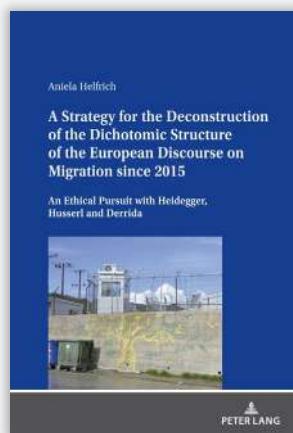
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