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ABSTRACT

This thesis is interested in spelling out Collingwood's attempts to reinterpret metaphysics against the struggles so as to eliminate "metaphysics together with the thinkers of Vienna Circle in modern philosophy. Like modern philosophy as well as the thinkers of Vienna Circle, Collingwood rejects the dogmatic metaphysics as well. Moreover, Collingwood sets out to re-establish the true metaphysics by returning Aristotle once again. Metaphysics as such deals with the absolute presuppositions on which any kind of scientific and intellectual activities are based. For Collingwood, since absolute presuppositions are historical, the activity that questions it is also supposed to be historical. Now the method of metaphysics as an historical activity is the logic of questioning and answering. In this sense, metaphysics, which investigates the absolute presuppositions by the logic of questioning and answering, is a philosophical and historical activity.

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