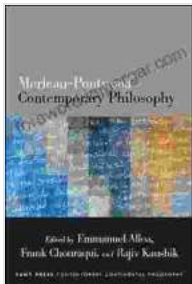


# Merleau-Ponty and Contemporary Philosophy: A Guide to the Latest Scholarship

Maurice Merleau-Ponty (1908-1961) was a French philosopher who is considered one of the most important figures in the phenomenological tradition. His work has been influential in a wide range of fields, including philosophy of mind, philosophy of language, ethics, and politics. In recent years, there has been a renewed interest in Merleau-Ponty's work, and a number of new books and articles have been published on his thought.



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This book provides a comprehensive overview of the latest scholarship on Merleau-Ponty and his relevance to contemporary philosophy. The book is divided into four parts. The first part provides a general to Merleau-Ponty's thought. The second part examines Merleau-Ponty's philosophy of mind, including his theory of perception, consciousness, and embodiment. The third part examines Merleau-Ponty's philosophy of language, including his

theory of meaning, truth, and communication. The fourth part examines Merleau-Ponty's ethics and politics, including his theory of intersubjectivity, freedom, and responsibility.

## **Part 1: to Merleau-Ponty's Thought**

The first part of this book provides a general to Merleau-Ponty's thought. This part includes chapters on his life and work, his major philosophical influences, and his key concepts. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's life and work provides a biographical overview of his life, from his birth in Rochefort-sur-Mer, France, in 1908, to his death in Paris in 1961. The chapter also discusses the major events in Merleau-Ponty's life, such as his education at the École Normale Supérieure, his work as a journalist and political activist, and his experiences during World War II. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's major philosophical influences discusses the philosophers who had the greatest impact on his thought, such as Edmund Husserl, Martin Heidegger, and Jean-Paul Sartre. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's key concepts discusses the central concepts in his philosophy, such as phenomenology, embodiment, intersubjectivity, and freedom.

## **Part 2: Merleau-Ponty's Philosophy of Mind**

The second part of this book examines Merleau-Ponty's philosophy of mind. This part includes chapters on his theory of perception, consciousness, and embodiment. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's theory of perception discusses his account of how we perceive the world around us. Merleau-Ponty argues that perception is not a passive process of receiving information from the world, but rather an active process of constructing meaning. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's theory of consciousness discusses his account of what it means to be conscious.

Merleau-Ponty argues that consciousness is not a separate entity from the body, but rather a bodily phenomenon. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's theory of embodiment discusses his account of the relationship between the mind and the body. Merleau-Ponty argues that the mind and the body are not two separate entities, but rather two aspects of a single, embodied being.

### **Part 3: Merleau-Ponty's Philosophy of Language**

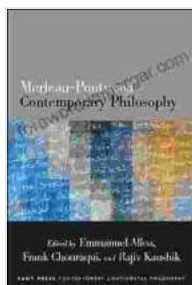
The third part of this book examines Merleau-Ponty's philosophy of language. This part includes chapters on his theory of meaning, truth, and communication. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's theory of meaning discusses his account of how we understand the meaning of words and sentences. Merleau-Ponty argues that meaning is not something that is fixed and unchanging, but rather something that is constantly being created and recreated through our interactions with the world. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's theory of truth discusses his account of what it means for a statement to be true. Merleau-Ponty argues that truth is not something that is absolute and unchanging, but rather something that is relative to our perspective and our experience. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's theory of communication discusses his account of how we communicate with each other. Merleau-Ponty argues that communication is not simply a matter of transmitting information, but rather a matter of sharing experiences and creating meaning together.

### **Part 4: Merleau-Ponty's Ethics and Politics**

The fourth part of this book examines Merleau-Ponty's ethics and politics. This part includes chapters on his theory of intersubjectivity, freedom, and responsibility. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's theory of intersubjectivity

discusses his account of how we relate to other people. Merleau-Ponty argues that we are not isolated individuals, but rather beings who are fundamentally connected to each other. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's theory of freedom discusses his account of what it means to be free. Merleau-Ponty argues that freedom is not simply a matter of getting whatever we want, but rather a matter of being responsible for our actions. The chapter on Merleau-Ponty's theory of responsibility discusses his account of what it means to be responsible for our actions. Merleau-Ponty argues that we are responsible not only for our own actions, but also for the actions of others.

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