

La storia della filosofia è filosofia?

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Is the History of Philosophy Philosophy?

Abstract: Is professional expertise in the history of philosophy sufficient for conducting serious philosophical research? Today, this question might seem preposterous to most philosophers worldwide, with only those deeply influenced by historicist doctrines likely to answer affirmatively. Without delving into the arguments of prominent historicists such as Gentile, Croce, and Garin, who claimed that philosophy is identical to its own history, it will be noted that some contemporary historians of philosophy, while avoiding an explicit historicist stance, often fail to recognize the substantial distinction between the two fields of inquiry. As a result, they tend to undervalue the essential role of philosophical argumentation, even in the works of the very philosophers they study. Moreover, as arguing for a thesis involves providing reasons to hold it true, they overlook the fact that philosophical theories aim at truth. This oversight is particularly evident in certain discussions of Massimo Mugnai's recent book, *Come non insegnare la filosofia*, where one of its central points has been missed.

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