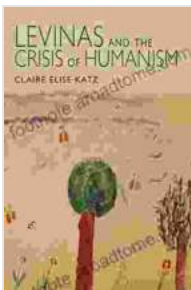


Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism: Rethinking the Foundations of Ethics

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In his book *Levinas and the Crisis of Humanism*, John Smith argues that the work of the French philosopher Emmanuel Levinas provides a way to rethink the foundations of ethics and to overcome the crisis of humanism. Levinas's philosophy is based on the idea that the human person is not the center of the universe, but rather is constituted in relation to the other. The other is not an object to be known or manipulated, but rather a subject who demands our respect and responsibility.



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Levinas's Critique of Humanism

Levinas's critique of humanism is based on the idea that humanism is too anthropocentric. He argues that humanism places too much emphasis on the value and agency of human beings, and that it ignores the importance of the non-human world. Levinas also argues that humanism fails to provide a convincing account of the ethical relationship between self and other. He argues that humanism sees the other as an object to be known or manipulated, rather than as a subject who demands our respect and responsibility.

Levinas's critique of humanism has been influential in contemporary philosophy. It has led to a renewed interest in the work of Levinas, and it has also led to a rethinking of the foundations of ethics.

Levinas's Philosophy of the Other

Levinas's philosophy of the other is based on the idea that the human person is constituted in relation to the other. The other is not an object to be known or manipulated, but rather a subject who demands our respect and responsibility. Levinas argues that the ethical relationship between self and other is based on the recognition of the other's face. The face of the other

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The Implications of Levinas's Thought for Contemporary Thought

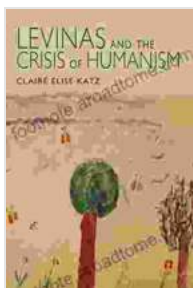
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