



Uses and displacements of metaphysics in Diderot

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Abstract: One could think that materialism establishes itself on the ruins of metaphysics, especially 18th century materialism that we tend to consider as relying on the developments of modern science. As I will show in this contribution, Diderot's materialism is rather characterized by a redefinition of the objects and method of traditional metaphysics, a redefinition that supposes a reappropriation of its concepts and history.

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