

How Humans Became Organisms

Some Reflections on the Transition from the Soul-Body-Problem to the Organism-Milieu-Interface

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Abstract:

Throughout the eighteenth century, models of organic order interact with debates about the soul-body-interface. This constellation culminates around 1800 in various physical anthropologies (for example in Pierre-Jean-Georges Cabanis' *Homme physique et moral*). A second transformation occurs in the second third of the nineteenth century when physiologists and philosophers like Henri de Blainville and Auguste Comte try to establish a new synthesis of knowledge about the human. Their synthesis is based on organism-milieu-interfaces. The talk focuses on some aspects and consequences of both transformations.

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