



An Original Critical Realist Perspective

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Dedicated to Roy Bhaskar

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The institute's dialectical unity turn is analogous to Roy Bhaskar's spiritual turn. Ontology (being) in Structurization

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