A Bibliography of English Language Commentaries on the Philosophy of Edith Stein

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In recent years a great deal of secondary literature has been published in relation to the works of Edith Stein. The literature spans a number of languages and covers many disciplines of study.¹ What is undertaken here is to make available a bibliography of secondary literature in English - this bibliography focuses on publications that emphasise the philosophical nature of Stein’s writings in particular. Sarah Borden and Kevin Jones have compiled a more complete and thorough account of the extant secondary literature (spanning a variety of languages) on the writings of Stein which is available online.² What we find below is taken in principle from Borden and Jones’ compilation. However, there have been a number of additions made to the bibliography; (i) in terms of articles and books which have just recently been published, such as Mette Lebech’s On the Problem of Dignity (2009) and (ii) those that are forthcoming, such as Sarah Borden’s, Thine Own Self: Individuality in Edith Stein’s Later Writings (late 2009) etc. Further additions have been made to take account of the following important philosophical commentaries on the works of Stein: Marianne Sawicki’s article - ‘Making-Up-Husserl’s Mind about Constitution’ (2007), Evan Thompson’s book Mind in Life: Biology, Phenomenology, and the Sciences (2007), and Wilk’s article, ‘On Human Being: A Dispute between Edith Stein and Martin Heidegger’ (2007).

It is evident from this bibliography (and in particular from the date of publications) that Stein’s works are valuable resources for modern thinkers. In terms of promoting the philosophy of Edith Stein further – it is our desire to establish an Association for the Promotion and Study of the Philosophy of Edith Stein. Anyone wishing to receive further information with regard to this Association can do so by contacting mette.lebech@nuim.ie or john.h.gurmin@nuim.ie.

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