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Preview Response

## **FLOURISHING / HUMANITIES**

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On flourishing in relation to topics I work on:

1. How does the social contract, as metaphor and narrative, help to make visible and clarify the agential and circumstantial prerequisites of flourishing? How can it obscure those same prerequisites? (Christopher Watkin, *French Philosophy Today: New Figures of the Human in Badiou, Meillassoux, Malabou, Serres and Latour*, Edinburgh UP, 2016).
2. How does the social contract idea indoctrinate a set of assumptions about what flourishing must be, such that it does not merely passively describe societies but catechises them into certain dispositions toward the good? (Christopher Watkin, *Michel Serres: Figures of Thought*, Edinburgh UP, 2020).
3. How does the contract metaphor shape our sense of ourselves and the challenges that face us as a society (Christopher Watkin, *French Philosophy Today: New Figures of the Human in Badiou, Meillassoux, Malabou, Serres and Latour*, Edinburgh UP, 2016).

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