

Herder's concept of force (*Kraft*)

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Force (*Kraft*) is perhaps the most important concept in Herder's philosophy as a whole, and is the ontological basis of his concept of drive. This talk will explore the latter connection through an examination of both what Herder means by force and the ways it informs his accounts of the soul-body relationship, morality, and the phenomenon of life, showing how, in its many guises, the concept of force constitutes the key to understanding his anti-dualism(s).