

The Trieb of Dialectic:

Systematic and Thematic Extension of the Concept of Trieb in Hegel

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This paper examines the systematic and thematic extension that the concept of Trieb receives in Hegel's mature philosophy, i.e., throughout a system conceived as the dialectical connection of a Logic, a Philosophy of Nature, and a Philosophy of Spirit. For Hegel, the concept of Trieb is no longer the specific and exclusive province of a philosophy of nature, a psychology or a moral philosophy. While crucial in the thematization of these fields, the notion of Trieb becomes a logical and methodological feature of dialectical processes. The paper brings this latter point to the fore discussing the occurrence of the concept in central passages of Hegel's Logic.