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## **Dissertation**

"Garder dans la réalité transcendante". Plato and the Impersonal in the Thought of Simone Weil

The thesis highlights the deep connections between the Weilian interpretation of Plato and the development of the concept of the impersonal. In the Writings of the early 1940s, Weil takes up and reinterprets ancient Greek thought and devotes an important space to psychagogy described through the image of the cave (Republic VII). This transformation of the soul contributes, together with the Christian anthropology and Indian thought, to the definition of what Weil designates, in the London Writings, as the "passage from the person to the impersonal." The thesis shows how this passage must be interpreted within a non-dualistic metaphysics and an anthropology of mediation.

## **Research interests / Fields of expertise**

Platonic tradition, Hellenistic and Roman Philosophy, Ancient Theories of the Soul, Simone Weil, Philosophical Anthropology

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