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Descartes Before Dualism? New Light on the Early Descartes

Abstract: The recent discovery of a completely unknown scribal copy of an early draft of Descartes's *Regulae ad directionem ingenii* ('Rules for the Direction of the Mind') offers an unexpected but very welcome opportunity to re-assess the nature of Descartes's early philosophical development. In this talk I will introduce some of the principal features of the new manuscript and its text, before turning to offer a new interpretation of the shift in Descartes's thinking from his early preoccupation with the mental faculty of *ingenium* to his later exclusive concern, in the *Discours de la methode* (1637) and *Meditationes* (1641), with the human intellect.

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