

Preface

In June 2017, a groundbreaking event, imagined and organized by Azadeh Thiriez-Arjangi and Stephanie Arel, representing the Fonds Ricoeur and the Society for Ricoeur Studies, brought together Ricoeurians from many different backgrounds, countries, and continents at the Fonds Ricoeur in Paris. This was the first edition of a close collaboration between the Fonds Ricoeur and the Society for Ricoeur Studies and gave rise to what is now called “ Les Ateliers d’été du Fonds Ricoeur, co-organized with the Society for Ricoeur Studies. ” Thirty years after the publication of Paul Ricoeur’s *Ideology and Utopia*, the 2017 edition of the Summer Workshop was dedicated to this book. A further book and special issue of the journal *Études Ricoeuriennes / Ricoeur Studies* came out of the workshop. Starting in 2018 and with reference to Ricoeur’s philosophical journey, the workshops have adapted to the philosopher’s own rhythm and work. In 2019, thanks to the contribution of the Foundation Goéland, the Fonds Ricoeur launched the Fonds Ricoeur Workshops’ Award, chaired by Jean-Luc Amalric. This Award rewards each year the best contribution presented by a young researcher during the summer workshops. We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to Mr. Marc Guyot, the president of the Foundation Goélands, who made this possible.

The 2018 and 2019 editions of the workshops were devoted to *The Symbolism of Evil*, *Freud and Philosophy*, and *The Conflict of Interpretations*. The present book will therefore aim to trace the Ricoeurian trajectory from *The Symbolism of Evil* to Ricoeur’s writings devoted to the question of psychoanalysis. Some of the communications during these two years of workshops, along with other notable texts, have been selected with rigor and scientific seriousness for the present work: *Le mal et la symbolique: Ricoeur lecteur de Freud* [*Evil and the Symbolic: Ricoeur reading Freud*].

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