

Contents

Preface: Drawing Lines—Žižek’s Speculative Dialectics	xi
Acknowledgments	xxxv
Introduction: Sublating Absolute Idealism—Žižekian Materialist Reversals	1
ONE “Freedom or System? Yes, Please!”: Spinozisms of Freedom and the Post-Kantian Aftermath Then and Now	11
TWO Where to Start?: Deflating Hegel’s Deflators	38
THREE Contingency, Pure Contingency—Without Any Further Determination: Hegelian Modalities	74
FOUR Materialism Sans Materialism: Žižekian Substance Deprived of Its Substance	129
FIVE Bartleby by Nature: German Idealism, Biology, and Žižek’s Compatibilism	151
Conclusion: Driven On—the (Meta)Dialectics of Drive and Desire	187

CONTENTS

Notes 249

Bibliography 299

Index 321