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Conférence

Three insights on Benjamin Walter's exiles

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Theme

‘Walter Benjamin, philosopher and German literary critic (1898-1940) loved French literature and had a great interest in French political events. His essays on French literature, as well as his critics on novelty French literature in German papers, reflect a deep connection with France. As a Jew and German, and concurrently a ‘man of literature’ within the French culture, he was one of the first European philosophers in the era of racist nationalism.

The presentation will mainly discuss the ‘French life’ of Walter Benjamin.’

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