

‘A much needed and insightful introspective on the figure of one of the most original female thinkers in Spain’s twentieth century. Beatriz Caballero Rodríguez takes a major step towards providing a compelling and innovative analysis of Zambrano’s critical views against the dominance of discursive reason.’

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‘A very welcome and compelling inquiry into María Zambrano’s poetic reason and thought, especially its hitherto little-studied political dimension, and its main drivers, in light of her biography. This is a lucid study of one of Europe’s most original but often overlooked or misunderstood philosophers, whose thought actually transcends philosophy.’

Professor Alexis Grohmann, University of Edinburgh

María Zambrano is widely regarded as one of the most original Spanish thinkers of the twentieth century. Her biggest contribution to intellectual history is, without doubt, her poetic reason and unique attempt to overcome the limiting coordinates of the framework of rationality established by the Enlightenment. Having spent forty-five years in exile, the relevance of this Spanish Republican thinker has only been recognised in recent decades, and this monograph explores the political dimension present throughout her work to argue for it as one of her key motivations. The political dimension inherent to Zambrano’s proposal for an alternative rationality – that is, poetic reason – is revealed in this monograph, and in the process existing assumptions regarding Zambrano’s thought are interrogated in order to reframe it with its emphasis on the pivotal role of reason.

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