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Spanish Philosophy: A Reality or a Myth?

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ABSTRACT The present paper focuses on a controversial and complex phenomenon that has long been disputed in Spain and abroad; that is, existence of philosophy in Spain and essence of national intellectual tradition. The authors therefore take a look at various positions concerning this issue and classify them into several groups. The first tradition analyzed is the Russian one, which is of great interest despite its relatively low scale. The second tradition mentioned is that of Spanish intellectuals which is much more ample and diverse. As a result, traditions targeting interpretation of Spanish philosophy fall into two categories; positive and negative, and the negative one is divided into several subgroups according to the basis for negating the existence of the latter. In conclusion, the authors offer a way to interpret Spanish philosophy against the background of contemporary worldview.