

---

Marek Kwiek

## Rorty's Elective Affinities. The New Pragmatism and Postmodern Thought

The was book published by Wydawnictwo Naukowe IF UAM (Scientific Publishers of the Department of Philosophy of Poznan University, Poland)

Poznan: WN IF UAM, 1996, pp. 302

© Copyright by Marek Kwiek

Department of Philosophy, Poznan University, Poznan, Poland, kwiekm@amu.edu.pl

---

### *Contents*

<i>Acknowledgements</i>	i
<b>Introduction</b>	1
<b>Chapter I</b>	
Philosophy of recontextualization, recontextualization of philosophy.	
General remarks	27
<b>Philosophical Excursus I</b>	
Seriousness, play, and fame (on Rorty's Derrida)	46
<b>Chapter II</b>	
Self-creation	70
<b>Philosophical Excursus II</b>	
Rorty and Lyotard, or about conversation and tragedy	86
<b>Chapter III</b>	
Anti-Platonism of Rorty's thought	112
<b>Philosophical Excursus III</b>	
Hegel's presence in Rorty	135
<b>Chapter IV</b>	
Rorty and literature, or about the priority of the "wisdom of the novel" to the "wisdom of philosophy"	158
<b>Philosophical Excursus IV</b>	
The picture of an ironist who is unwilling to be a liberal, and of a liberal who is unwilling to be an ironist (Foucault and Habermas)	180
<b>Chapter V</b>	
Philosophy and politics, or about a romantic and a pragmatist	204
<b>Philosophical Excursus V</b>	
Rorty, Bauman, contingency, and solidarity	220
Bibliography	248

*Marek Kwiek*

*Elective Affinities.  
Richard Rorty  
and  
Postmodern Thought*

Poznań, 1996