

The Philosophy Department Presents

Rational Love and Reciprocity in Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz

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In the *Symposium*, Socrates turns down Alcibiades' advances by stating that the relationship that he proposes involves requesting "gold in exchange for bronze" (218e), but he does not give further details on why he cannot reciprocate Alcibiades' love. In this talk, I argue that we can find in the works of the Novohispanic philosopher Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz (1648-1693) valuable resources (in particular, a distinction between different types of love) that enable us to understand better why Socrates is right in turning down Alcibiades since these resources suggest some plausible conditions under which a request for love should be acknowledged and reciprocated.

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