Western E-vent in Early Modern Philosophy

Informal Discussion

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The Question
“Do your students struggle with Spinoza’s geometric exposition, and if so, how do you get them past it?”

The Vision
The idea behind these informal discussions is that smaller groups can informally share ideas and thoughts on topics outside of traditional research domains but of direct professional interests. The topics and questions I’ve chosen for these sessions revolve around our teaching and mentoring roles (with an eye toward paper topics of the surrounding sessions) with the goal that sharing our personal experiences and lessons we’ve learned can be mutually enlightening and interesting to converse about.

I envision the session as a variant of “Respond, React, Reply” in that each person in turn has the opportunity to provide a 1-2 min response to the prompt, people react to the response using the Zoom “Reactions” function or posting in chat, and then the floor is opened to replies.

I hope that the discussions around these questions are as enjoyable as they are informative.