

EVANDRO AGAZZI'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO LOGIC

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Evandro Agazzi was born in Bergamo, Italy on October 23, 1934. He graduated from the Catholic University of Milan, and subsequently studied at the Universities of Münster (Germany) and Oxford (U.K.). Following a period of teaching responsibilities in the Italian high schools, he became in 1970 Professor of Philosophy of Science in the Humanities Faculty of the University of Genoa, while at the same time teaching mathematical logic in the Mathematical and Natural Sciences Faculty of the University of Genoa and in the Humanities Faculty of the Catholic University of Milan. Agazzi was for many years President of the Italian Philosophical Society (S.F.I.) and of the Italian Society of Logic and Philosophy of Science (S.I.L.F.S.). In 1979, while retaining his chair at the the University of Genoa, he was appointed Professor of Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Nature and Philosophical Anthropology at the University of Fribourg (Switzerland), a position which he still holds today. In the meanwhile, Agazzi was elected President of the Académie Internationale de Philosophie des Sciences and served first as Secretary General, and then as President of the Fédération des Sociétés de Philosophie (F.I.S.P.). He resigned from the last position in 1993 after four terms of service, and remains an Honorary President of the F.I.S.P. In the same year, he was elected President of the International Institute of Philosophy (Paris). He was a Visiting Professor at many universities from all over the world, some of which even awarded him with degrees *ad honorem*. Agazzi currently is the editor of the journals *Epistemologia* (an Italian journal for the philosophy of science) and *Nuova Secondaria*, and is a member of the scientific board of many philosophical journals, among which are *Erkenntnis*, *Modern Logic*, *Zeitschrift für allgemeine Wissenschaftstheorie*, *Revue Internationale de Philosophie*, and *Kos*.

Since the beginning of his academic career, Evandro Agazzi managed to balance his strong interest in logic with the commitment to explore the foundations of the scientific enterprise and the relationships between science and ethics. This means that, although making significant contributions to logic itself, he always conceived of this fundamental