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The Phantom of the Ego is the first comparative study that shows how

the modernist account of the unconscious anticipates contemporary

discoveries about the importance of mimesis in the formation of subjectivity. Rather than beginning with Sigmund Freud as the father of modernism, Nidesh Lawtoo starts with Friedrich Nietzsche's antimetaphysical diagnostic of the ego, his realization that mimetic reflexes-from sympathy to hypnosis, to contagion, to crowd behavior-move the soul, and his insistence that psychology informs philosophical reflection. Through a transdisciplinary, co