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*Il posto di Bolzano nella storia della filosofia*

The ahistorical philosophy of Bolzano does not deny history, but rather purports to contribute to the welfare and improvement of humanity. It aims to establish a science of the rules of scientific explanation, a morphology of science which proceeds in a purely conceptual way. There is a correspondence between the projects of pre-Enlightenment Comenius and the late-Enlightenment Bolzano, that is, the reconciliation of humanity on the basis of a unitary concept of reason. The common element between them is the Leibnizian idea of a *characteristica universalis*.