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*Some remarks on reason–emotion dichotomy & affective ambivalence* [abstract]

The issue of ambivalent feelings is an important one within the topic of affectivity. Ambivalence as such is a part of conflict topic, which, in turn, is often referred to in terms of reason–emotion dichotomy. This concept, as it seems, is a widely spread out one. Yet, a closer examination shows that it is problematic, since it contains two heterogeneous notions. Therefore they can hardly correspond with one other so far as they have no common denominator. For this reason, in order to grasp an inner conflict correctly (or any other as well) two opposing forces should be considered as homogeneous terms.

On the other hand, once the homogeneity is identified, conflicting forces or agencies should concern the same object, be determined by the same circumstances etc. If not, we deal with what is taken to be a conflict without being so in fact. They should be of similar ranks as well. Otherwise, either there is no conflict at all or a conflict is of short duration. In fact, the smaller the difference is, the longer the conflict lasts. In an extreme case, it results in an abiding ambivalence.

The paper will discuss a series of cases of conflict as well as of what is erroneously taken to be conflict in order to seize what conditions should be satisfied if we like to analyze an affective ambivalence properly.