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Montaigne's Essays from their central principle of friendship as

a communicative and pedagogical practice operative in

society, literature and politics. The friendship between

Montaigne and La Boetie was ruled neither by plenitude nor

lack but by a capacity for recognition and transitivity. As an

essayist Montaigne is an exemplary practitioner of a technique

of difference and recognition that puts all certainties of history,

philosophy and culture in the balance of weighted comparison.

The essayist reveals how every absolute subjectivity or

authority is shaken by its internal weakness once we move

inside the contrastive structure of domination in politics,

gender and race. O'Neill's reading of the Essays strives to be

faithful to the phenomenology of their embodied practices of

reading-to-write-to re-read and re-write. From this standpoint

he engages the principal critical readings of the Essays over

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