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## **Abstract**

The thesis («Divine Knowledge and Soteriology in John Wyclif. An Essay on the unpublished tract *De sciencia dei*») contains the established text of the wycliffian inedited tract *De sciencia dei* and a doctinal essay. In the introduction are given many historical, codicological and philological details about the unpublished tract and about the *Summa de ente*, the academic collection of writings to whom it belongs. In the first chapter are exposed the main contents of the tract pertaining Wyclif's theory of divine knowledge, considered also in the light of other passages of his works where the same topic is developped. In the second chapter is detected Wyclif's doctrine of salvation, which is firstly and widely formuled in the *De sciencia dei*; then, is shown that the soteriology emerging in Wyclif's later *De dominio divino* is close to the *De sciencia dei*'s. Lastly, in the third chapter is suggested an ermeneutical proposal on Wyclif's theology based on some textual evidencies – including those where the interesting notion of *esse intencionale* can be seen at work— which show Wyclif's attempt to safe his theology and philosophy from the risk of determinism and panteism