Term: Critic

Quote: ... a **speculative rhetoric**, the science of the essential conditions under which a sign may determine an interpretant sign of itself and of whatever it signifies, or may, as a sign, bring about a physical result. 

In the Roman schools, grammar, logic, and rhetoric were felt to be akin and to make up a rounded whole called the **trivium**. This feeling was just; for the three disciplines named correspond to the three essential branches of semeiotics, of which the first, called **speculative grammar** by Duns Scotus, studies the ways in which an object can be a sign; the second, the leading part of logic, best termed **speculative critic**, studies the ways in which a sign can be related to the object independent of it that it represents; while the third is the speculative rhetoric ...


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