

Abstract. Most of the ongoing discussions on the various ways of formulating a logical notion of modality in the Middle Ages seem to go directly from Boethius to Abelard, as if nothing had been relevant in this regard between these two authors. This is the result of using a narrow view of modality (considering only the notions of ‘possibility’, ‘contingency’, ‘necessity’, ‘impossibility’). However, there is no reason to limit the discussion to such a narrow interpretation. If the modal notion extends to meanings such as ‘action of a rational agent’, ‘knowledge’, ‘belief’, ‘obligation’, ‘time’, ‘ways of being’, etc, that period becomes richer, especially regarding the works of Anselm of Canterbury.

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