

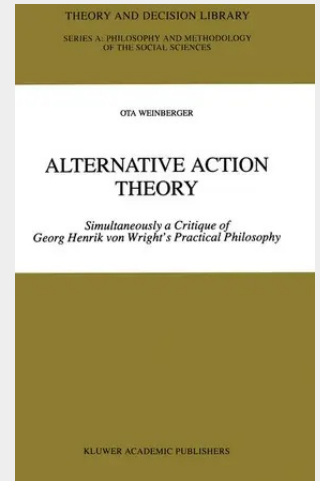
Alternative Action Theory

Simultaneously a Critique of Georg Henrik von Wright's Practical Philosophy

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