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The Correspondence between René Descartes (1596-1650) and Elisabeth of Bohemia (1618-1680) is in many respects an invaluable document in so far as it is the main textual basis to explore for understanding Descartes' philosophical project, in particular his practical philosophy. The intellectual exchange is also inestimable in the sense that Elisabeth of Bohemia plays an evident part in the very elaboration of Descartes' moral philosophy. Finally, the epistolary dialogue is of great significance for the history (of ideas) of the Early Modern period in Europe. These letters (ca. 60) were written in French and published in French reference edition AT at the beginning of the XX century. Since then editions in English, Dutch, Italian are available, but none in German. The Aim of the project is to provide a scientific edition of the correspondence in German. Publication in 2013 by Meiner. Editors: Isabelle Wienand, Olivier Ribordy, Benno Wirz <!--[if gte mso 9]> 96 800x600 <![endif]--> <!--[if gte mso 9]> Normal

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