Abstract:

In 1981, Gadamer gave his *Text und Interpretation* speech at a Paris conference. He emphasized the role of interpretation as a wholly fundamental phenomenon shaping our overall relation with the world. All knowledge seems to be dependent on interpretation, as Gadamer claims in *Wahrheit und Methode*, his central work, as early as 1960. The work's key term is interpretation, taken from Gadamer's later lecture, as it narrows hermeneutic interpretation, focusing it on one specific problem. Gadamer's hermeneutics is treated as a correct interpretation methodology of sorts – a position Gadamer himself always denounced. The decision is intentional and will be explained and defended in the text. This approach will allow Gadamer's general propositions to be tested in a real, concrete situation.