

In this paper, I try to briefly describe Michel Foucault's concept of genealogy. This concept will be located in a wider context, which includes some epistemological debates regarding the possibility of historical knowledge. In this regard I try to introduce the most basic arguments which have traditionally been used against this possibility. Genealogy will be finally presented as a way to overcome these arguments in a critical manner.

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