Abstract

In my diploma thesis I deal with the topic of experience of another person from the phenomenological philosophical point of view. The two major motives of my diploma thesis are: the revelation of the shift in thinking of Edmund Husserl in the phenomenology of intersubjectivity and showing that Merleau-Ponty went way beyond Husserls thinking.

In the first chapter I clarify what Husserl’s term ‘empathy’ meant in his *Cartesian Meditations* and how this conception follows the theory of Theodor Lipps. Then I explain Husserl’s thinking of intersubjectivity from the book *Ideas Pertaining to a Pure Phenomenology and to a Phenomenological Philosophy – Second Book*. In the third chapter I describe the phenomenology of intersubjectivity in the work of Merleau-Ponty. The fourth chapter is an interpretation and subsequent comparison of both authors. My main aim is to show that Merleau-Ponty’s comprehension of ‘intercorporeity’ surpasses Husserl’s conception of intersubjectivity. The final chapter displays the critical thinking of my opinion according to Zahavi’s interpretation of Merleau-Ponty’s philosophy, from *Husserl and Transcendental Intersubjectivity*.

In this diploma thesis I bring the analysis of one source of thinking about the experience of another person to an end. I have accomplished the imaginary circle which started already in my previous work.