

Abstract

The main topic of the doctoral dissertation *Intersubjectivity and postmodern society: On the phenomenology of the Other* is the problem of intersubjectivity. The work discusses the question of the other with the particular part of phenomenological thinking which does ask how we experience the other. Our starting point stems from the context of postmodern society, which we discuss in the first chapter („The paradox of atomicity“). The aim of the second chapter („Tacitness“) is to enable us to phrase the question of the other properly. The third chapter („Searching for the other in dialogue with Edmund Husserl“) at first introduces selected fundamental concepts of the Husserl’s phenomenology related to our topic (e.g. *epoché*) and then discusses the understanding of the other in Husserl’s works *Ideas Pertaining to a Pure Phenomenology and to a Phenomenological Philosophy – Second Book* and *Cartesian Meditations*. The fourth chapter („Breaches of harmony“) is focused on such types of experience that problematize and disturb the altogether harmonic world of Husserlian intersubjectivity. We deal with the phenomenology of the blindness (Jana Moravcová) and the phenomenology of emotions (Jean-Paul Sartre). The fifth chapter („Strange, weired eyes“) uses the them of exile in the poetry of Josef Straka to question the possibility of meeting the other. The next two chapters („The other as a mystery“ and „The face of the other“) are mainly a dialogue with the philosophy of Emmanuel Levinas. In the context of Levinas’s philosophy, the other is absolutely different, which is the reason why the last two chapters are devoted to the experience of the other that will, on the one hand, respect the alterity of other people, but, on the other hand, wouldn’t lose the common world: the eighth chapter („The other as a saturated phenomenon and the theological turn in the French phenomenology“) first of all discusses the concept of saturated phenomenon in the philosophy of Jean-Luc Marion, the last ninth chapter („The other and the responsive phenomenology“) is concerned with the concept of the other in Bernhard Waldenfels’s philosophy.

Keywords

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