

Summary of Ph.D. Thesis

Phenomenological Conception of Space

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The thesis focuses on the nature of experience which a perceiving *self* has with other beings and on the conditions which make such an encounter possible. It emphasises the role of the spatiality, which is seen as a defining characteristic of corporeal sensible beings. Broadly speaking, the work belongs to post-phenomenological philosophy. The Introduction summarises the main methodological principles of a phenomenological approach and presents post-phenomenology as a specific discourse which rejects the egocentrism typical of classical, especially Husserlian phenomenology. The exposition proper starts with an outline of a phenomenological theory of perception (Chapter I) and continues by offering an outline of the basic ontological characteristics of sensibly given entities, especially of their *trans-empirical* nature (Chapter II). The following chapter briefly treats some issues related to the nature of a phenomenal field, which is described as a structure of possible ways in which beings can manifest themselves (Chapter III). The subsequent chapters form the main core of the thesis. They deal with the spatial manner of being of entities which manifest themselves (Chapter IV) and of the *self* which experiences them (Chapter V). The main emphasis is on the essential bond which connects the given entities with their context, whereby this idea is generalised to the level of situating them within the spatial unity of the world. Regarding the spatiality of *self*, the main focus is on investigating the bipolar nature of one's own body as both perceiving and perceived, an entity which manifests itself internally and externally, and the role of spatial distinctions in the formation and differentiation of the experience which a *self* has with itself and with other beings. The concluding chapter implies that a *possible other self* may be an integral part of the spatially differentiated shared world, thus establishing an intersubjective validity of sensory experience (Chapter V).