

Editorial [ENG]

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Whoever embarks on a research in the areas of contemporary hermeneutics and/or phenomenological hermeneutics realizes that there is an element that passes through our gaze and investigation in a fundamental way: the field of possibility to the actions' accomplishment. Every performance, from the simplest to the most complex is carried out in a time and a place that offer the possible modes in which action and dealing with every being, with every meaning, and also with every value, possess their conditions of manifestation. But what is the meaning of such a consideration right at the beginning of an editorial of an academic journal? Is it only a necessary introduction concerning the focus and scope of the journal?

Ekstasis: Journal of Hermeneutics and Phenomenology has completed eight years. In this period, with the careful and responsible editorship of Rebeca Furtado de Melo, it has published plenty of articles, translations and reviews that contributed to Brazilian, Latin American and international philosophical debate. Now, in the emergence of its ninth year, inaugurated in the present edition, *Ekstasis* undergoes a restructuring. It has been a great deal of time since we have been trying to widen the promotion of the journal, as well as to disclose the publications issued, by means of an internationalization project – one with long-term, mid-term and short-term actions. In the short-term, we have started to publish our editorial also in foreign languages: English and Spanish. In the mid- and long-terms, the project intends to widen the bases of indexing in both national and international repertoires. Moreover, within the restructuring of the journal, we have

registered new referees, inaugurated both translation and review editorships, besides a new section destined to the publication of interviews. This project would not have been possible without a qualified and committed team, members that voluntarily have already been contributing in past editions. A team that we cannot forget to name and thank. Gabriel Dietrich and Marcelo Lopes, as editors of reviews and proofreaders; Clio Tricarico, as editor of translations and proofreader; and Matheus Schmaelter, Fábio Cândido and Roberta Cassiano, as proofreaders. We also count on another accountable editor, Professor Paulo Gil Ferreira, that gently accepted our invitation. But what is, in fact, the relation between the considerations and questions mentioned in the beginning and the presentation of the new team?

The historical period we have been through, in which we perform existential possibilities, is marked by a growing devaluation of Science, Philosophy, University studies, and all kinds of methodologically oriented knowledge – here it is necessary to distinguish the critiques required to the oppressing structures of these institutions, even though they do not discredit them in such a way as to disallow their virtues, on the contrary, it intends the expansion and democratization of knowledge and knowledges. Dissimulation, manipulation, and revisionism are, unfortunately, strokes that gained profound outlines, as though the gloomy lines made with pencil and graphite in our history – were revisited with opportunistic hands that carry chisels.

Therefore, assuming voluntary tasks in an academic period bound up with a public university is a way – amongst others – of opposing ourselves against this dangerous aspect of our present. That means making clear that in each performance accomplished in the present, according to what is possible to each one, we open tracks for a time to come. Contrary to what it may seem, it is not about something like a “profession of faith”, be it in the metaphorical, as well as in the literal sense, but of taking responsibility for the dynamics that mark historical articulations generated in our lives’ emergence. Each one of us, members of the team, could simply continue our individual researches and works without taking part in *Ekstasis*. But we will not do it. And we will not do it, because we hope for a time to come in which Philosophy, rigorous thinking, Science, and the University will keep on being possible manifestations. We hope that the good debate, combined with intellectual integrity, and the commitment with the things themselves in their unveiling character and indubitably truth will still be an element capable of

mobilizing modes of existence and modes of relation. If, as mentioned above, it is not a case of “profession of faith”, nor is the present writing a manifesto. We reaffirm that what motivates us is the responsibility towards the present, something that hermeneutic-phenomenological mode of investigation makes clear on its own right when it redirects the view in an attentive way to what really matters. After all, *if the present is a living past, the future will be the possibilities of the present that we keep alive*. The time of execution of our actions is, therefore, the time of true confrontation.

Nonetheless, we must recognize that our editorial board is something in the middle of two ends. It is placed between the publishing projects of Rio de Janeiro State University, that paves the way to the publicity and publishing of works performed at the university, and the authors that produce and submit their texts to the journal. Therefore, even with the efforts of our team, it would not be possible to continue the project of *Ekstasis: Journal of Hermeneutics and Phenomenology* without the technical and professional support of Nathalia Ávila, from Rio de Janeiro State University Electronic Publications Portal, and the authors that believe in the project of the journal, collaborating with the submission of their works. It is thus imperative to end up the editorial of this edition citing the numerous articles, reviews and translations that compose it.

We inaugurate the present edition with an interview with Rebeca Furtado de Melo, which is entitled: *On recognition, partnership, and gratitude*. Therein, Rebeca tells us about the foundation of *Ekstasis: Journal of Hermeneutics and Phenomenology*, and also about her pathway as researcher, professor, feminist, mother, and pro-agroecology activist.

In the section of reviews, Thiago Luiz de Sousa writes about the work *L'Unique et le Singulier* by Paul Ricoeur. In the same section through the words of Paulo César Pinto de Oliveira, we bring the presentation of the book *Missing Marx*, written by Marco Casanova.

Inaugurating the section of articles, Bernard Josef Sylla proposes a question: *Johannes Lohmann – the Heidegger of language science?* Rodrigo Amorim Castelo Branco incites us to reflect on the following matter: *Fundamental affective tones and the displacement of the human in Heidegger*. Still on the section of articles, Gilvanio Moreira Santos discusses central themes in *On the question of inessential and essential poverty*:

from not necessary to non-necessary in Martin Heidegger. Daniel Peluso Guilhermino presents Husserl's critique of Brentano's theory of judgment and its role in the early formulation of the phenomenological theory of intentionality. Klinger Scoralick elaborates a paper on Phenomenology and resistance in Levinas. Renan Silva Carletti e Gilberto Safra proposes the following reflection: Between bubbles and doors: a dialogue about the notion of intimacy between Peter Sloterdijk and Gaston Bachelard. Carlos Fernando Silva Brito presents the paper Forgiveness and Promise as Ways of Preservation of the World in Hannah Arendt. Natalia Mendes Teixeira suggests a dialogue on Kierkegaard existence's philosophy: background of Hans-Georg Gadamer hermeneutics. Roberto S. Kahlmeyer-Mertens and Giovani Augusto dos Santos thematize and analyse the concepts of Befindlichkeit e Stimmung, on Attunements in Heidegger's Existential Analytics. José Antonio Mesquita Perez brings forward his Orienting in the field of Career Counselling: Contributions from Phenomenology. And finally, Romano Deluque Júnior and Márcio Luís Costa offer an important overview through the question: Prejudice or preconception? Building senses on prejudice and health in the light of Hans-Georg Gadamer's hermeneutic: an integrative review. The edition is concluded with the fundamental translation by Adriano Ricardo Mergulhão: 'Davos encounter' between Martin Heidegger and Ernst Cassirer.

We would also like to thank all the *ad hoc* referees, named at the end of this publication, specialists that gently took part in the evaluation of articles in the period corresponding to the elaboration of this edition.

We wish you all a good reading and long life to *Ekstasis*!

