

Detailed Final Report

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The project, „The Ontological Roots of Phenomenology”, had been dedicated to the question, whether the central position of the question of ontology within the history of phenomenology is based on the phenomenology’s fundamental methodology. The research was based on three hypotheses regarding the appearance of the ontological question in the different phases of the history of phenomenology. The research project made up of three parts: while, on the one hand, a.) the ontological question of phenomenology had already appeared among the early students of Edmund Husserl in Göttingen by the critique of the idealistic concept of the Husserlian methodology, b.) Martin Heidegger’s concept on fundamental ontology radically changed the subject of phenomenology, in the sense of being-historical thinking, which constituted c.) the methodological dilemma in Paul Ricœur’s thinking and concluded in the description of the short route and the long route of phenomenological-hermeneutical understanding. This way, the research project, “The Ontological Roots of Phenomenology”, focused on the Heideggerian influence on the early phenomenological achievements and *vica versa* regarding the ontological quest in the history of phenomenology, which finally culminated in methodological questioning directed at reality in Ricœur’s thinking.

Besides the annual achievements in the work towards the planned monograph, which in its present form consists of 115983 words and realized the three hypotheses of the project (1. The question pertaining to ontology by early phenomenology is undeniably related to the Heideggerian questioning on Being; 2. Due to previously unexpected research results, the output of the first hypothesis has changed the topic of the second part of the project, and the second hypothesis encompasses the research of the transition from the existential analytic to the being-historical thinking in Heidegger’s thinking; 3. The phenomenological question concerning reality is, in its essence, an ontological question), the research project has been completed with international conference presentations and papers in the topic of the research. The monograph deals with the following issues (after consultation with the president of the Council of Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Prószéky Gábor, the manuscript has been written in English. At present I am in talks with the Lexington publisher about a book proposal.):

A. Ontological Approaches in Early Phenomenological Thinking

I. First Considerations

1. The origin of phenomenology. Approaches to the self-definition of phenomenology
2. Historical approaches: the coded problems of phenomenology
3. Husserl's methodological considerations regarding the question on being

II. New Ways in Phenomenological Thinking

1. Hedwig Conrad-Martius's realistic phenomenology

- *The First Steps to the Question of Being*
- *Conrad-Martius's reflection on Heidegger's Being and Time*
- *The phenomenological origin of the soul's reality: Conrad-Martius's Influence on Edith Stein*

2. "Excuse on transcendental idealism". The reality of being and the problem of temporality in Edith Stein's thinking

- *Methodological reflections on the problem of being*
- *„Temporal being is finite. Eternal being is infinite.“ Individuality and time-consciousness in the philosophy of Edith Stein*

3. Religiosity and existential experience in Adolf Reinach's *Religious Notes*

- *Differences between social- and non-social acts*
- *The constitutional acts of the virtues*
- *From the ethical action to the religious experience*

B. The Experience of Being and the Problem of the Historical Being

I. Existentiality and temporality of *Dasein*

1. Heidegger's theological origins and his relationship to the religious phenomenology

- *The fundamental concept of metaphysics*
- *The genesis of being in Being and Time*

2. The ontological difference and its consequences in future phenomenological thinking

- *The importance of the religious phenomenon in Heidegger's thinking towards being*
- *The methodology of historicity on verge of the problem of being*

3. Heidegger's onto-theology and the rejection of it

- *Ontology and its linkage to the phenomenology of religion*
- *Being and thing in the center of Heidegger's questioning*

II. The Actuality of the Event and its Relation to the Temporality of Being

1. Historicity and religiosity in Heidegger's interpretation of the being
- *From the question on the historicity to the question of historical being*

2. The historical being and the actuality of the event
- *The problem of the reality in Heidegger's early papers*
- *Temporal existence as the basic fundament of real being*

3. The event of being-in-the-world
- *Being-in-the-world as the own-most-possibility of Dasein*
- *The event of being-toward the understanding of being*

C. The methodological consequences of the questioning on being

I. The origin of the ontological difference

1. The presence of present or the present of beyng? (Heidegger, Ricœur, and the Husserlian influence)

- *The presence and the present of the thing: another approach to Heidegger's thinking*

2. The presence of the present of the symbol. Ricœur's approaches to the question of being

3. An outlook on the Husserlian interpretation of phantasy, and the consequences of it on Ricœur's theory of mimesis

II. The truth of beyng and the truths of being

1. The authenticity of life and the truth of being

- *The historical truth and truth and history – Ricœur*

- *A Scholastic approach to the truth of being – Edith Stein*

2. Ethical pondering on the phenomenological thinking

- *Ontologico-ethical reflections in Heidegger's thinking*

3. Ontology turning into ethics: Ricœur's approaches

- *Textuality, and the phenomenon of guilt*

- *Forgiveness, as the reverse act of confession*

D. Conclusion

E. Bibliography

The following papers have been published in the past three years – two of them in each year were originally undertaken – as parts of the project:

1. „Történetiség mint a vallásfenomenológia és a teológia közötti kapocs a fiatal Heidegger gondolkodásában” = *Magyar Filozófiai Szemle* 2017 : 3, 173–199.
2. „Wesensanalyse bei Edith Stein. Eine Differenzierung des Problems der formalen Ontologie” = *Edith Stein Jahrbuch* 2018, Bd. 24, Würzburg: Echter 2018, 150–166.
3. „Religiöses Erlebnis und Werterkenntnis. Zum Fragment der religionsphilosophischen 'Aufzeichnungen' Adolf Reinachs” = *Jahrbuch für Religionsphilosophie* 2018, Holger Zaborowski – Markus Enders (Hrsg. v.), Freiburg i. Br.: Karl Alber 2018, 185–216.
4. „The Ontic-Ontological Aspects of Social Life. Edith Stein's Approach to the Problem”, In: Ruth Hagengruber – Sebastian Luft (eds.), *Women Phenomenologists on Social Ontology. We-Experiences, Communal Life, and Joint Action*, Springer 2018, 45–61.
5. „Guilt, Confession, and Forgiveness. From Methodology to Religious Experiencing in Paul Ricœur's Phenomenology” = *Journal of Speculative Philosophy* vol. 33 : 1 2019, 8–21.
6. „Religious Life, Reality, and Being in Martin Heidegger's Thinking” = *Acta Universitatis Carolinae Theologica* 9 : 1 (2019) 45–59.
7. „Idő és végesség narratívái. Az emlékezés ricoëuri struktúrájának heideggeri alapjairól” = *Magyar Filozófiai Szemle* 3 : 3 (2019) 95-117.
8. „Érzelmek a fenomenológiai gondolkodásban”, In: Olay Csaba – Schmal Dániel (szerk.), *Értelem és érzelem az európai gondolkodásban. Tanulmányok a 60 éves Boros Gábor tiszteletére*, Budapest: L'Harmattan, 2019, 277–289.
9. „Eltávolodás és odatartozás. A horizontösszeolvadástól a nyelvjáték ricoëuri alternatíváig” In: *Az identitás. Lábjegyzetek Platónhoz* 18, Philosophia Szegediensi Alapítvány – Magyar Filozófiai Társaság – Status Kiadó 2020, 448–460.
10. Edition: *Fides et ratio im Kontext: Theologische und philosophische Annäherungen*, Nordhausen: Traugott Bautz, 2020, 354p.
11. „Die Offenheit des Zusammendenkens. *Fides et ratio* und der 'Sinn und Möglichkeit einer Christlichen Philosophie' bei Edith Stein”, In: Anna Jani – Balázs M. Mezei (Hg.), *Fides et ratio im Kontext: Theologische und philosophische Annäherungen*, Nordhausen: Traugott Bautz, 2020, 326–348.
12. „Realität, Zeitlichkeit und Ewigkeit in Edith Steins Denken. Hedwig Conrad-Martius' religiöser Einfluss auf Stein” In, *Edith Stein's Itinerary: Phenomenology, Christian Philosophy, and Carmelite Spirituality*, Schriften des Forschungsinstitutes der Deutschen Provinz der Karmeliten Bd. 4, ed. by Harm Klüeting and Edeltraud Klüeting, Münster: Aschendorff, 2020, 185–195.

13. „Historicity and Religiosity in Heidegger’s Interpretation of the Reality. With an outlook to Adolf Reinach’s contribution to Heidegger’s phenomenological conception” = *Human Studies* 43 (2020) 409–429. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10746-020-09556-1>

14. „A Debate on the Thoughts and Legacy of Edmund Husserl: Phenomenology, Modernism, Europe and Post-Truth” = *Kritika and Kontext* 58 : XXII (2020) 21–54.

Conference presentations during the research project (NKFIH PD-17 Nr. 123883), between 2017 and 2020:

- November 16-17, 2017: Agnes Heller’s Theory of Emotions in Context, Budapest: „*I am indifferent, the thing or event has no meaning for me, that is, I do not feel*”. *On the Phenomenological Interpretation of Agnes Heller’s A Theory of Feelings* (invited speaker).

- December 1, 2017: Magyarországi Aquinói Szent Tamás Társaság Szakmai nap: *A lét realitása és a személy problematikája. Párhuzamok Edith Stein és Robert Spaemann személyértelmezése között.*

- April 11-12, 2018: ELTE BTK Fil. Int. Játék-konferencia: *Eltávolodás és odatartozás. A horizontösszeolvadástól a nyelvjáték ricœuri alternatívájáig.*

- March 5-8, 2018: First Conference of the European Academy of Religion, Bologna. Panels of the European Society for the Philosophy of Religion: *Guilt, Confession, and Forgiveness. Form Methodology to Religious Experience in Paul Ricœur’s Phenomenology.*

- May 9, 2018: The Return of Religion. Szapientia Szerzetesi Hittudományi Főiskola, Budapest – Center of Theology, Philosophy, and Media Theory, Prague. *Response to the paper „The Return of Religion in Martin Heidegger’s Work”* (invited speaker)

- June 13-15, 2018: Time, Memory, and Eternity – The North American Society for Early Phenomenology, Duquesne University Pittsburgh. „*Temporal being is finite. Eternal being is infinite.*” *Individuality and Time-Consciousness in the Philosophy of Edith Stein.*

- September 5-7, 2018: Philosophy’s Religions: Challenging Continental Philosophy of Religion. Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana: *Guilt, Confession, and Forgiveness. Form Methodology to Religious Experience in Paul Ricoeur’s Phenomenology.*

- September 24-26, 2018: Fides et ratio: Phenomenology and the Philosophy of Religion with Special Emphasis on the Works of St. John Paul II. and St. Edith Stein, Internationale Conferece, PPKE BTK Budapest: *Der Ursprung der phänomenologischen Annäherung an die Frage nach „Sinn und Möglichkeit einer christlichen Philosophie“ bei Edith Stein* (Organizer and speaker at the conference).

- March 1-3, 2019: Das Sein, das Gute, und das Wahre. Zur Aktualität der Lehre von den Transzendentalien: *Edith Steins phänomenologische Perspektive auf die Lehre von den Transzendentalien*. (Invited speaker).
- April 1-3, 2019: Phänomenologie und die Grenzen der Metaphysik. Zeitlichkeit, Differenz, Ontologie DGPF Wuppertal: *Realität, und die Frage nach dem Sein. Annäherungen an das phänomenologische Voraussetzen des „Gevierts“ in Heideggers Denken*.
- May 17, 2019: A Magyar Aquinói Szent Tamás Társaság éves konferenciája: *Remény és kinyilatkoztatás aktusai Jean-Luc Marion telített fenoménjének értelmezésében*.
- May 16-17, 2019: Lábjegyzetek Platónhoz. A Magyar Filozófiai Társaság éves konferenciája: *Történetiség, megértés, hermeneutika. A ricœur-i identitás alapkérdéseire*.
- August 15-18, 2019: Edith Stein's Itinerary: Phenomenology, Christian Philosophy, and Carmelite Spirituality, Universität zu Köln: *Realität, Zeitlichkeit, und Ewigkeit in Edith Steins Denken. Hedwig Conrad-Martius' religiöser Einfluss auf Stein*.
- October 4-5, 2019: Universität Graz, Institut für Philosophy, organized by Prof. Dr. Sonja Rinofner-Kreidl: *Phenomenological perspectives on Empathy and the Significance of Empirical Research. Women in Phenomenology: Edith Stein* (invited speaker).
- April 7-9, 2020: *Edmund Husserl's Prostějov and the Rebirth of European Reason* in Prostějov, Czech Republic, co-organised by the journal *Kritika & Kontext* (K&K, Slovakia), the Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts (BISLA, Slovakia), the Institute for Human Sciences (IWM, Vienna), and the municipality of Prostějov (Czech Republic). Postponed to 2021 (invited speaker).
- September 3-6, 2020: The Future of Faith in Secular Society, International Institute for Peace and Religions – Renovation Institut für kulturelle Resilienz: *The Question on God in Modern Thinking: Approaches in the Phenomenology* (invited speaker).
- September 22-23, 2020: Christian Philosophy: its past, present and future, Jesuit University Ignatianum in Krakow, Institute of Philosophy: *Husserlian Transcendental Idealism and the Question Concerning Being. An Original Linkage between Phenomenology and Theology*.
- December 11, 2020: Interpretáció és kritika. Az MTA-PTE Kritikai Tanulmányok Kutatócsoport és az ELTE BTK Újkori és Jelenkori Filozófia Tanszék konferenciája: *Az interpretáció kritikái: hermeneutikatörténeti megközelítések Manfred Frank nyomán* (invited speaker).

Organization of Research:

- September 24-26, 2018: Organization of the international conference *Fides et ratio: Phenomenology and the Philosophy of Religion with Special Emphasis on the Works of St. John Paul II. and St. Edith Stein*, PPKE BTK Department of Philosophy <https://btk.ppke.hu/uploads/collection/74/image/lepobelso-page-001.jpg>
- April 11. 2019: Book launch in PPKE BTK, Sophianum 205: Anna Jani: *Edith Steins Denkweg von der Phänomenologie zur Seinsphilosophie*, Königshausen & Neumann 2015, p. 303.
- October 25, 2019: External member at the doctoral defense of Attila Dobos' dissertation thesis „Interkulturalitás az egészségügyben – filozófiai hermeneutikai analízis”, University of Debrecen, Institute of Philosophy.
- 2020: Thesis reviewer at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University.
- 2020: Reviewer in research Infrastructure for Excellence (ÚNKP).
- Regular reviewer at the international journal *Human Studies. Journal for Philosophy and Social Sciences*.
- Regular reviewer at the international journal *Horizon. Studies in Phenomenology*.
- Regular reviewer at *Magyar Filozófiai Szemle*.
- Regular lecturer at the Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Department of Philosophy.

List of thought courses (in Hungarian) during the founding period:

- 2020 WS: *Philosophy of Religion*
- 2020 WS: *European Philosophie in the 20th Century*
- 2019 SS: *European Philosophie in the 20th Century*
- 2018 WS: *Anthropology and Ethics*
- 2018 WS: *Philosophy of Language*
- 2018 WS: *European Philosophie in the 20th Century*
- 2018 WS: *Anthropology*
- 2018 SS: *Philosophy of Religion*
- 2018 SS: *European Philosophie in the 20th Century*
- 2017 WS: *Philosophy of Religion*

Summary:

The main delivery of the research is the manuscript in English language and the published papers (prepared min. 2 papers in each year), which I can make available for review upon request. All other performance was in addition to the original commitment of the project.