

HERMENEUTICAL CIRCLE IN UNDERSTANDING ON AN ORIGINAL LINK BETWEEN HERMENEUTICS AND LOGIC IN THE HEIDEGGER – GADAMER DIALOGUE

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Abstract The *hermeneutical circle* is one of the most fundamental but up to now contentious doctrines with a long tradition in the history of hermeneutics. In what follows, the purpose of my contribution is to reconsider the Heidegger–Gadamer dialogue on the circle (*Zirkel*, *Zirkelhaftigkeit*), with an emphasis on how they shed new light on the whole issue.

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Introduction

In the case of Heidegger and Gadamer, the issue of the *hermeneutical circle* (in other words: the whole idea of the *circular structure of interpretation*) is about the close interrelation between understanding and prejudices, i.e. about the idea that the entire process of understanding includes certain preliminary expectations. I will argue that their dialogue on the circle led to the discovery of an original link between hermeneutics and logic. (I) First of all, I shall make a brief presentation of the conceptual background rooted in Antiquity of the circle whose criticism led to the two different hermeneutic accounts of circle. (II–III) Then I shall try

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