

Discourse of power and social subjectivism of Foucault

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Abstract

From ancient times to the present day, the concept of power has been examined by philosophers and theorists in different social perspectives. Through this, it was intended to explain the manifestation of power in certain discourse lines that had the main purpose of focusing power within a political and institutional nomenclature. This represented the totality of the reports, in which the units of discourse practices were organized, listed and identified. However, the conception and discourse of power in the postmodern world is not destined to a uniform social definition, but is very pluralistic and different. A similar conception of power was examined by Foucault, who breaks down the relationship and functioning of power and the individual, emphasizing their position against/alongside each other. In this sense, Foucault puts three main concepts as a starting point: power, knowledge and discipline. And from the determination of these three categories, the identification of the unfolded concept of the individual is made as a complex process of interconnections between power-knowledge and power-discipline relations. The structural interconnection of this complexity has one main source: power and its exercise through knowledge that is absorbed by the individual and promoted by power as its legitimizer. So this power tends to always rise to the level of the eye, in order to organize this eye and extend it to its political organization as a classifier of knowledge. This leads to what Foucault calls the creation of the individual, because the discourse on individualizing truth creates power provisions for its limitation and discipline. Consequently, in this essay I will examine the concept of power, the creation of the individual and the resistance to power according to Foucault, trying to examine on the other hand the monopolization of power and social subjectivism in Kosovo, as well as the role that the intellectual should have in this comprehensive process.

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