

Opinion

by Prof. PhD. Veselin Dafov

on the dissertation on "Circularity in the Philosophical Logic of the Continental Tradition"

for obtaining the academic degree "Doctor of Philosophical Sciences"

2.3. Philosophy

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1. Structure of the dissertation

The dissertation has a volume of 426 pages and consists of an Introduction, four chapters, a Conclusion and References.

The dissertation texts meets all the requirements to be discussed by an academic jury:

- Relevance of the problem, conceptual justification and aim of the dissertation, presented in the introduction;
- Analytical interpretation of the problem area. This is approached from the point of view mainly of the logical writings of the most significant representatives of the continental trend in philosophical logic: Hegel (and Gadamer), Marx, Husserl and Heidegger.
- Justification and argumentation of the teleological nature of each concrete realization of the principle of circularity in the philosophical logic of the continental tradition

2. Reference and publication data

- The abstract is correctly submitted and corresponds to the structure and content of the dissertation.
- Publications on the topic of the dissertation are related to it and have a high academic value.
- Bibliographic citations are correct.

3. Academic integrity

In relation to the regulations related to the "Law on Academic Degrees and Positions", the "Law on the Improvement of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria" and the "Regulations for the Implementation of the Law on the Development of the Academic Staff in the Republic of Bulgaria", all requirements have been met and there are no offenses committed:

- The dissertation does not repeat the topic and content of the one presented for the acquisition of the educational and scientific degree "PhD (doctor)";
- There is no plagiarism in the work, there is originality of the dissertation and it does not violate the copyrights and intellectual property rights of anyone;
- The reference for scientometric indicators related to the candidate's scientific and publication activity indicates that the previous scientific work of Prof. Alexander Gungov meets the requirements for obtaining the scientific degree "Doctor of Sciences".

4. Content parameters of the dissertation work

In the Introduction, the author presents the topic, namely, the teleological nature of the principle of circularity in philosophical logic in its various variants, obtained through the work of - shown in the subsequent four chapters of the dissertation - speculative logic (Hegel), speculative dialectical logic (Marx), the transcendentalist variant of phenomenological logic (Husserl), existentialist-ontic logic (Heidegger).

The conclusion in itself gives not just accents, but sheds new light on the reading of the previous chapters, insofar as it brings out in a categorical way the differences between concepts and methods achieved in the text. Such as:

- dialectical and speculative logic,
- "logical" and "ontological" in relation to the logical circle in dialectical logic,
- classification of the evident in the transcendentalist version of the phenomenological logic, by the point of view of "telos", the unification of the eidetic and genetic method, through the teleological circularity of the phenomenological method.;
- "the teleological circularity" in the paradoxical situation "Dasein in its ontic existence is already ontological".

5. Critical notes, questions and recommendations

- I have no critical notes and recommendations for the dissertation and its author.

- Questions:

1/ Is it possible and how the understanding of the teleological nature of the principle of circularity in logic can be applied in the educational content of the various program systems, programs of study disciplines, starting from the normative regulation of preschool, primary, secondary and higher education?

2/ Is it possible that the principle of circularity, with the "teleological" as its leading characteristic, serves as a symptom (indicator, trace) for the recognition, acknowledge and respect of an emergent, generated or simply existing subjectivity (biological, soulful, spiritual, social, political, economic, intelligent etc.)

6. Main contributions of the dissertation work

I accept and agree with the main contributions of the dissertation indicated by Prof. Gangov. I would like to give particular importance to the following points from the contributions:

The second contribution in the part: "They (logic in the continental tradition - note mine) is a philosophical logic that allows an adequate understanding and justification of formal logic, including symbolic logic".

Fifth contribution in the part: "...contemporary applications of the concept of "transformed form" are presented, following the spirit of the original understanding, but going beyond the scope set by Marx and later expanded by Merab Mamardashvili."

The sixth listed contribution in itself is extremely important, and its scope can be extended to any kind of diagnosis of subjectitive realities, from biological to social to all forms of intelligence.

In conclusion, the mentioned positive highlights and contributing moments give me the reason to give a positive assessment of the dissertation work and to propose with conviction to the members of the academic jury to acknowledge the scientific degree "Doctor of Philosophical Sciences"

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