Looking beyond Language, Out and into the World

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Primacy granted to (verbal) language in linguistics

Klages (1929/32) denounced the primacy of logos in philosophy

Logocentrism

Egocephalocentrism

coined by sociologist J.-C. Kaufmann (2001)

The main principles

Internal factors that justify knowledge:
- scientific method
- scientific discourse
- scientific community
- pre-existing validated knowledge

Cognition viewed as:
the capacities of the central nervous system of an individual or of a material system

External factors that justify knowledge:
- mentalities
- communities
- relations of force and dominance

Communication is used to represent the world.

Communication is one of many resources available to humanity to live and act together.

Meaning = text + context

Internalism

Externalism

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Results from the historical interactions between an embodied nervous system and a social & material environment