

Bernhard Josef Sylla



Research Interests

Philosophy of language (analytical vs. continental paradigm), phenomenology (especially Heidegger), contemporary philosophy (more recently: the problem of trauma), philosophy of technology (Anders, Blumenberg, Sloterdijk, Marcuse), Frankfurt School.

Education

2003-2008: Ph.D. in Linguistics and Philosophy of Language at University of Minho, on “Leo Weisgerber's theory of linguistic content, its philosophical implications and its relation to Heidegger” (maximum grade).

Supervisors: Erwin Koller (University of Minho) and Irene Borges-Duarte (University of Évora)

1990: Second “Staatsexamen” in German Language and Literature / Philosophy (University of Cologne)

1988: First “Staatsexamen” in German Language and Literature / Philosophy (University of Cologne)

Appointments

2017 - : Professor with Life Tenure at University of Minho, Department of Philosophy

2016 - : Vice Dean of the Institute of Arts and Humanities at University of Minho

2012-2017: Associated Professor at University of Minho, Department of Philosophy

2009-2012: Invited professor at University of Minho, Department of Philosophy

1991-2017: Researcher at CEHUM, University of Minho

2017: Researcher at CEPS, University of Minho

Biographical Statement

I teach Philosophy of Language, Ontology and Contemporary Philosophy at the University of Minho, where I do research at the *Centre for Ethics, Politics and Society* (CEPS) and the *Centre of Human Studies* (CEHUM). My research interests include the analytic and continental tradition of philosophy of language, the phenomenological tradition of philosophy, especially Husserl and Heidegger, and more recently the philosophy of technology related to philosophers like Anders, Blumenberg, Sloterdijk, Marcuse. I am also interested in the relationship between language and politics, and the impact of linguistic, aesthetic and political theory of the Frankfurt School. In 2014, I published a book about continental philosophy of language, and very recently (2017) an *Antology of Language Philosophy*. I am co-editor of two books on Phenomenology (to be published in 2017), and author of peer-reviewed papers on philosophers I mentioned above (Heidegger, Sloterdijk, Anders, Adorno, etc.).

Selected publications

2017: (coord., introd. & translation) *Filosofia da Linguagem: Uma Antologia*. Vila Nova de Famalicão: Húmus.

2016: “A lógica do desmedido como traumatologia do ser – Martin Heidegger e Günther Anders”, *Diacrítica*, 30/2, 161-178

2015: “Tecnofobia vs. tecnofilia – sobre Heidegger e Sloterdijk”, *Ekstasis*, v. 4, nº 1, 13-25

2014: *Humboldt reloaded – vier Paradigmen der meaningzentrierten Sprachphilosophie*. Würzburg: Königshausen & Neumann

2013: “A teoria estética de Adorno – Quo vadis?”, in *Teoria Crítica Revisitada / Critical Theory Revisited*, org. de Marta Nunes da Costa, Vila Nova de Famalicão: Húmus [= Coleção Hespérides Filosofia/Cultura 12], 125-136

Projects

Currently I'm preparing, with João Ribeiro Cardoso Mendes, a volume (including translations of texts) on technophilosophies (Anders, Sloterdijk, Blumenberg, including translations), another on Dessauer (translation). Currently, we submitted the project “Philosophical Innovative Solutions to the Anthropocene Challenge” for FCT-funding.

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