

**“What is the geographical space?”
A thinking on the nature of the geographical space from the
perspective of hermeneutic phenomenology**

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Extended Abstract

Introduction

Because the geographical space is the fundamental content of the geography science, the discussion of nature of it and this question that what is the “geographical” meaning of “space”? Are always essential issues in the geography science? This article tries to prepare a context to debate of the nature of "geographical space" and it tries to answer to this question that what is the "geographical space"? This article does these via the debating of the philosophical kind of spatial thoughts and via a critical view to them.

Research Methodology

The method of this article is a philosophical - logical method tries to make a systematic set of reasons by making logical relations between philosophical concepts and geographical concepts. In final, it shows geographical space is same Heideggerian “being-in-the-world”.

Discussion and Results

The philosophical view to geographical space tell us geographical space is made from two parts: objects (un- Dasein) like trees, mountains, rivers, building, streets, land use, ... and subjects (Dasien) like citizens, managers, planners, So geographical space is a complex network it is made from complex network of objects (un- Dasein layer) and from complex network of subjects (Dasein layer).

“bing – in- the- “world” means being-in-the-“world”. The meaning of the Heideggerian “world” is “compelx network of understandings” (malayeri, 2011, 220), what kind of understandings? The understanding of two layers of geographical space (Dasein(s) and un-Dasien(s) layer). So the meaning of “bing - in- the - world” is “bing - Dasien(s)-in-the compelx network of understandings of other Dasien(s) and un-Dasien(s). Geographical space is also the understandings of Dasiens (humans) of things exist around them (un-Dasien(s) like mountain, treet,... and Dasien(s)- like all of humans). So the geographical space is “bing – in- the- “world”.

only the geographical spaces is kind of space that involves the complex network of understandings subjects and objects together because only the geographical spaces is kind of space that involves subjects and objects together. Each other space do not involve all of them. for example: social space do not involve mountains, trees, physical space do not involve social relations and ... but geographical space involves all of things that Dasien(s) live with them and understand them. So only the geographical spaces is “being-in-the-world”.

Conclusion

With looking to ‘space’ from Heideggerian perspective of “being-in-the-world”, we can name another spatial thought that is called “world-life” spatial thought, this is most geographical of the kind of spatial thought. so the answer this question: “what is the geographical space?” is ‘being – in-the-world’ or the ‘geographical space’ as ‘being – in-the-world’.the concept of “being-in-the-world” is the concept of “geographical space” because “geographical space” involves subjects (Dasiens that understands things(other Dasiens and un-Dasiens))and objects(un-Dasien that is understood by Dasien) together.

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