

HEIDEGGER'S SOCIAL ONTOLOGY

Many critics and commentators hold that Heidegger had next to nothing to say about human sociality. In this book, Nicolai Knudsen rectifies this popular misconception. Drawing on his influential philosophy of mind, his philosophy of action, and his conception of being-with, Knudsen argues that the central idea of Heidegger's social ontology is that we can only understand others, do things with others, and form lasting groups with others if we pre-reflectively correlate their behaviour with our own projects and the world that lies between us. Knudsen then uses this framework to formulate Heideggerian contributions to current debates on social cognition, collective intentionality, and social normativity. He also reinterprets Heidegger's famous concept of authenticity in the light of his social ontological commitments and shows how Heidegger's affiliation with National Socialism betrays his own best insights into the fundamental structure of social life.

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My suggestion is merely that the problem of the relationship of human being to human being does not concern a question of epistemology or the question of how one human being comprehends another. It concerns rather a problem of being itself, that is, a problem of metaphysics.

Heidegger, *Fundamental Concepts of Metaphysics*

Heaven and earth and gods and men are held together by communion and friendship, by orderliness, temperance, and justice; and that is the reason, my friend, why they call the whole of this world by the name of order, not of disorder or dissoluteness.

Plato, *Gorgias*

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Abbreviations of Works by Heidegger

I mostly refer to Heidegger's *Gesamtausgabe* (GA), except for *Being and Time* (SZ) where I use the edition published by Max Niemeyer Verlag. In the text, the German pagination is given first, followed by the English pagination when I have consulted a translation. I have modified the translations as I deemed necessary.

- GA₅ *Holzwege*. 2003. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann.
 Translated as *Off the Beaten Track* by J. Young and
 K. Haynes. 2002. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press
- GA₇ *Vorträge und Aufsätze*. 2000. Frankfurt am Main:
 Klostermann. 'Die Frage nach der Technik' is translated as
 'The Question Concerning Technology' in *The Question
 Concerning Technology and Other Essays* by W. Lovitt. 1977.
 New York and London: Garland Publishing
- GA₉ *Wegmarken*. 2004. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann.
 Translated as *Pathmarks*. 1998. Cambridge: Cambridge
 University Press
- GA₁₂ *Unterwegs zur Sprache*. 1985. Frankfurt am Main:
 Klostermann. Partly translated as *On the Way to Language* by
 P. D. Hertz. 1971. New York: Harper & Row. 'Die Sprache',
 GA₁₂, 7–30, is translated as 'Language' in *Poetry, Language,
 Thought* by A. Hofstadter. 1971. New York: Harper & Row
- GA₁₆ *Reden und andere Zeugnisse eines Lebensweges*. 2000. Frankfurt
 am Main: Klostermann. 'Die Selbstbehauptung der deutschen
 Universität' is translated as 'The Self-Assertion of the German
 University' by W. Lewis in R. Wolin, ed., *The Heidegger
 Controversy*. 1998. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press

- GA18 *Grundbegriffe der aristotelischen Philosophie*. 2002. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *Basic Concepts of Aristotelian Philosophy* by R. D. Metcalf and M. B. Tanzer. 2009. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA20 *Prolegomena zur Geschichte des Zeitbegriffs*. 1994. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *History of the Concept of Time: Prolegomena* by T. Kisiel. 1985. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA24 *Die Grundbegriffe der Phänomenologie*. 1997. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *The Basic Problems of Phenomenology* by A. Hofstadter. 1988. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA26 *Metaphysische Anfangsgründe der Logik im Ausgang von Leibniz*. 2007. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *The Metaphysical Foundations of Logic* by M. Helm. 1984. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA27 *Einleitung in die Philosophie*. 2001. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann
- GA29/
30 *Die Grundbegriffe der Metaphysik. Welt – Endlichkeit – Einsamkeit*. 2004. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *The Fundamental Concepts of Metaphysics: World, Finitude, Solitude* by W. McNeil and N. Walker. 1995. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press
- GA36/
37 *Sein und Wahrheit*. 2001. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *Being and Truth* by G. Fried and R. Polt. 2010. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA38 *Logik als die Frage nach dem Wesen der Sprache*. 1998. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *Logic as the Question Concerning the Essence of Language* by W. T. Gregory and Y. Unna. 2009. Albany, NY: SUNY Press
- GA38A *Logik als die Frage nach dem Wesen der Sprache*. 2020. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann
- GA39 *Hölderlins Hymnen 'Germanien' und 'Der Rhein'*. 1999. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *Hölderlin's Hymns 'Germania' and 'The Rhine'* by W. McNeill and J. Ireland. 2014. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA40 *Einführung in die Metaphysik*. 1983. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *Introduction to Metaphysics* by G. Fried and R. Polt. 2000. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press

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- GA₅₂ *Hölderlin's Hymne 'Andenken'*. 1992. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann
- GA₅₃ *Hölderlin's Hymne 'Der Ister'*. 1993. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *Hölderlin's Hymn 'The Ister'* by W. McNeill and J. Davis. 1996. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA₅₄ *Parmenides*. 1992. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *Parmenides* by A. Schuwer and R. Rojcewicz. 1992. Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press
- GA_{56/57} *Zur Bestimmung der Philosophie*. 1999. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *Towards the Definition of Philosophy* by T. Sadler. 2000. London and New York: Continuum
- GA₅₈ *Grundprobleme der Phänomenologie*. 2010. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann
- GA₆₀ *Phänomenologie des religiösen Lebens*. 2011. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *The Phenomenology of Religious Life* by M. Fritsch and J. A. Gosetti-Ferencei. 2004. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA₆₃ *Ontologie. Hermeneutik der Faktizität*. 1988. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *Ontology – The Hermeneutics of Facticity* by J. van Buren. 1999. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA₆₄ *Der Begriff der Zeit*. 2004. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *The Concept of Time* by I. Farin and A. Skinner. 2011. New York and London: Continuum
- GA₆₅ *Beiträge zur Philosophie (Vom Ereignis)*. 2003. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *Contributions to Philosophy (From Enowning)* by P. Emad and K. Maly. 1999. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA₈₆ *Seminare: Hegel – Schelling*. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Partly translated as *On Hegel's Philosophy of Right: The 1934–35 Seminar and Interpretive Essays* by A. Mitchell. 2014. New York: Bloomsbury
- GA₈₉ *Zollikoner Seminare*. 1987. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann. Translated as *Zollikon Seminars: Protocols – Conversations – Letters* by F. Mayr and R. Askay. 2001. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Press

- GA94* *Überlegungen II–VI*. 2014. Frankfurt am Main: Klostermann.
Translated as *Ponderings II–VI* by R. Rojcewicz. 2016.
Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA95* *Überlegungen VII–XI*. 2014. Frankfurt am Main:
Klostermann. Translated as *Ponderings VII–XI* by
R. Rojcewicz. 2017. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- GA96* *Überlegungen XII–XV*. 2014. Frankfurt am Main:
Klostermann. Translated as *Ponderings XII–XV* by
R. Rojcewicz. 2017. Bloomington: Indiana University Press
- NHS* *Nature, History, State: 1933–1934*. Translated by G. Fried and
R. Polt. 2013. New York: Bloomsbury
- SZ* *Sein und Zeit*. 2006. Tübingen: Niemeyer. Translated as
Being and Time by J. Macquarrie and E. Robinson. 1962.
Oxford: Blackwell