

The Lithuanian Contexts of Traditionalism by Algis Uždavinys: Historical and Ontological Tangles

Summary

The article is intended to discuss the research aspects chosen by Algis Uždavinys. Most attention is drawn towards his outlook assumptions of thinking and world perception which are related to the mutual dependence of ontological scope and epistemological position. The author discusses the relations of interpretational theories and methodologies offered by Uždavinys to their supportive systems of ontological and epistemological assumptions. The attention is drawn towards the problems of the interpretation of historical development which are connected by Uždavinys with contemplation of radical fractures and alterations which are evidenced during such fractures, not with the conceptions of gradual change or modernisation stages.

The historical fracture is discussed as a multiple rearticulation of traditional contents and assumptions which base them, dictated by relevant demands. Such rearticulation acutely raises the problem of the continuity of historical memory. The author presents an analysis of the context of interpretational and „exegetic“ effort fostered by Uždavinys which is applied in pursue to obtain the connections of the assumptions which motivate the analysed object and the researcher himself. The strategy whereby Uždavinys incorporated the traditional views and perceived them as a hermeneutic perspective which inserts „the faith“ as a natural assumption of the researcher’s own efforts is also analysed.

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