



Temporality and Consciousness: possible roles for logic

Notes for the NY Phenomenology Reading Group

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In early 2019 I was invited to Fernando Zalamea's 60th Birthday Festschrift. My lecture dealt with some of these connections. Some winter weeks spent in Italy ended up being providential for this project.

Zalamea has written provocative works on the philosophy of mathematics and the role of logic and categories.
Here is part of the blend.

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BLUE



the experience of perception of “being blue” and in particular its anchoring in spatiality is invariant under a change of reality mode

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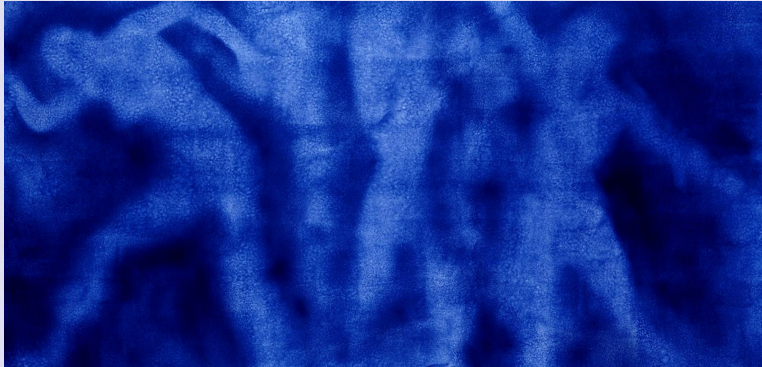
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Blue	\mapsto	Spatiality
Life	\mapsto	C+O
Consciousness	\mapsto	Synapses

BLUE



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↔

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MORE VARIATIONS AROUND FUNDIERUNG



...eyes moving, neuronal
activations occurring as we read,
the parsing of words letter by
letter, the understanding of each
individual word, etc. clearly are
not sufficient to “determine
unequivocally someone is
reading”

Wittgenstein / Rota

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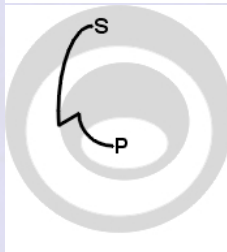
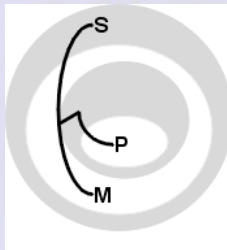
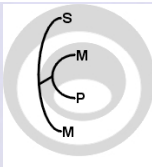
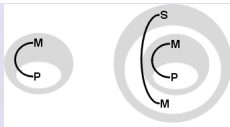
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What kind of logic govern the Fundierung relation?

PROPOSITIONAL LOGIC...MILLENNIA AGO



(Images by John F. Sowa in his comment of Peirce's MS 514)
Kossak/Siedlecka project for Mapping Traces

NOT TAKING THE WORLD FOR GRANTED



not taking for granted, as something obvious the “world” was crucial to unveil, millennia ago, the structural character of propositional sentences

WHERE? \models ?

- ▶ Model Theory?
- ▶ Homotopic Type Theory?
- ▶ Topos Theory?

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PROTENCIÓN / INTENCIONALIDAD

From those two elements (retention and protention), Husserl builds a whole web of time decomposition into a continuum of anticipations and interpolations, protentions and intentionalities, extremely refined and irreducible to a merely analytical description.

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formal logic and transcendental logic.

THE THREE LEVELS, SOKOLOWSKI

Consistency Logic, Truth Logic and finally
Transcendence Logic: Under the risk of an extreme
reduction, there are some kind of strong Peircean
echoes in this a posteriori analysis of Husserl's
logic.

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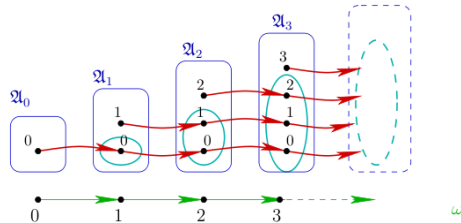


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- ▶ “Base” level **K** (Kripke): beginning of “temporality” (still at a very primitive level compared to Husserl, but already more complex than in Tarskian semantics),
- ▶ “Intermediate” level **sH** (sHeaves): coherence and glueing - beginning of synthetic substratum in Husserl (intentionality),
- ▶ “Upper” level **T** (Topoi): the emergence of topos logic - maybe the point where transcendental logic may start (stage I).

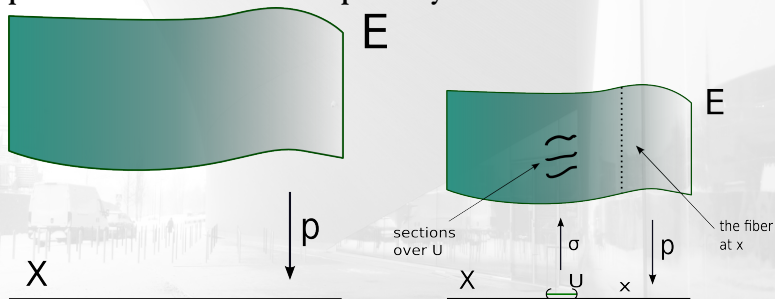
K

Initial temporal level - Kripke models - variable structures - first
 flexibilization - **temporality**



sH

Intermediate **sheaf** level: coherence and (continuous) glueing - the place of the obstructions - **spatiality I**



T

Upper level (“topos”): places “similar to set-theoretic universes” but with the flexibility of the two lower levels - **spatiality II**



R

Zalamea proposes a way of “glueing” the three levels, inspired by ramification points on Riemann surfaces (whence “R”)



TWO ANSWERS THAT HAVE HAD SOME IMPACT

Husserl: manifold - multiplicity Tarski: $M \models \varphi \dots$

\models

Sokolowski proposes to identify “model” in Tarski’s sense and the Husserl notion of “manifold”.

Gödel’s **completeness** theorem filters in an effective way the notion of model and makes it “manifold”. However...

LIMITATIONS OF EARLIER PROPOSALS:

- ▶ Tarskian models cannot incorporate time perception in the extremely refined sense proposed by Husserl.
- ▶ Most logical systems lack compactness; when it is present, there are sheaf-like (global/local) properties...
- ▶ Theories of symbiosis (between higher order logic and set theory) and of Internal Categoricity seem to be crucial for any attempt at building Husserl's transcendental logic. Transitions...
- ▶ Grothendieck (topoi + motives + formalism freeness) seems to be the landmark of future logic(s). In addition to sensitivity to local/global aspects, they also seem to be sensitive to measuring failure of smoothness (cohomology)
- ▶ back and forth between Grothendieck and Shelah (contemporary model theory as a “ultrageometry”)

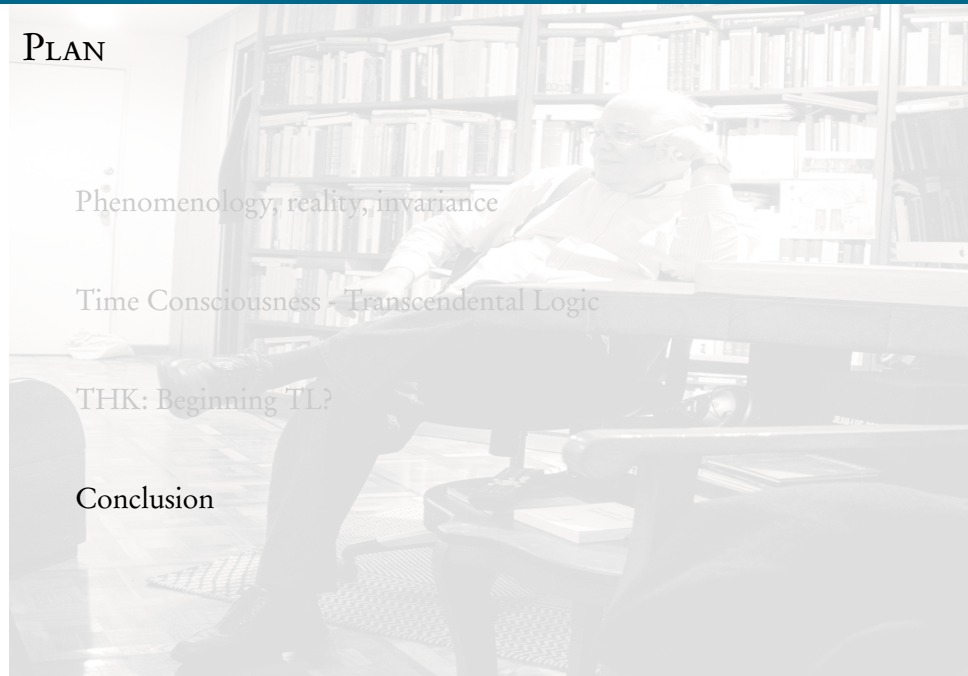
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PESSIMISTIC CONCLUSION ...

- ▶ The richness of Husserl's questions (in Rota's version) on a logic for Fundierung and transcendental logic has not yet been attained by the mathematizations of logic.
- ▶ There is (as of now) a mathematical version of transcendent logic.
- ▶ Rota's question has not quite been answered.

...MA NON TROPPO!

On the other hand the richness of mathematical constructions connected mainly with Grothendieck and Shelah and their two parallel schools (especially when they will get entangled) has so far not been matched by philosophers' study of mathematics and logic. Zalamea's (r)THK model is a beginning.