

Supervisor's Report about the Ph.D. studies and the Dissertation by Daniil Koloskov "Living Without a Ground: A Praxis of Being-in-the-World" submitted in 2023 at Ústav filosofie a religionistiky FF UK, Prague.

I. Hodnocení celého doktorského studia [Overall evaluation of the Ph.D. study]

During the four years of his Ph.D. studies, Daniil Koloskov has successfully completed all requirements and has excelled in many research activities far beyond the usual Ph.D. curriculum.

Firstly, I would like to highlight the achievements of Daniil Koloskov as a researcher who has published six original papers in highly regarded philosophical journals such as *Human studies*, *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology*, *Pragmatism Today*, *Meta: Research in Hermeneutics, Phenomenology, and Practical Philosophy*, *Bulletin d'analyse phénoménologique*.

He also managed to obtain and expertly manage several grant projects at Charles University (such as SVV grant "Minimal self through the Prism of Existential Phenomenology") and was included with me in the European Regional Development Fund project "Creativity and Adaptability as Conditions for European Success in a Connected World."

I also have had the pleasure of teaching with Daniil Koloskov two courses about the *Pragmatic Turn in Phenomenology* and of observing his exceptional skills as a junior researcher who is able to communicate his original ideas and great erudition to our Czech and international students in a lucid manner. At his request, D. Koloskov also taught an independent elective course, "Implications of Freedom: Sartre's Early Phenomenological Project" in 2022. Furthermore, as one of the tutors of UFaR, he supervised several students whose mother tongue is not Czech and led them to successfully complete all the tutor course requirements.

Finally, D. Koloskov attended several international conferences and carried out several research visits to the University of Leuven where he discussed the partial results of his thesis within a circle of international experts and his second supervisor, Prof. Sylvain Camilleri.

In view of the overall fulfillment of all obligations and the superior achievements listed above, I think that Daniil Koloskov is an exemplary Ph.D. student in philosophy.

II. Celkové zhodnocení disertační práce [Overall evaluation of Ph.D. thesis]

Daniil Koloskov's thesis is dedicated to the possibility and the need of promoting a kind of phenomenological pragmatism that overcomes both the limits of phenomenology and pragmatism (old and new). It builds on solid knowledge and criticism of extant pragmatic interpretations of Heidegger and results in an original revision and reformulation of the primacy of practice thesis, which is allegedly the common denominator of Heidegger's philosophy and pragmatism broadly understood. The author revises this thesis as follows: there is no such thing as a fundamental or foundational layer of practices from which we should derive all intelligibility of the world and our actions in it. What is pragmatic, he argues, is the human movement towards the world, consisting in particular in disclosing and maximizing the possibilities of how we act and think.

Overall, the author has submitted an organically coherent and thoroughly researched thesis that draws on a thorough knowledge of Heidegger's extensive body of work and a well-chosen set of contemporary pragmatists whose interpretations and developments of Heidegger are submitted to scrutiny. It should be appreciated that Daniil Koloskov is not only concerned with the fidelity of existing interpretations to Heidegger's primary texts, but his critique is directed at their fidelity to the phenomena themselves.

III. Připomínky k disertační práci [Observations and remarks]

Since Daniil Koloskov is more concerned with developing his own position of phenomenological pragmatism and less concerned with the details of the arguments contained in the primary texts, he sometimes tends to reject other authors by simplifying their thought or by synthesizing various thinkers into a group identified by some single common denominator. I would personally prefer more detailed work with texts and more specific distinctions between authors as diverse as Dreyfus, Rorty, Brandom, Rouse and Habermas, that are on several occasions rejected *en bloc*.

IV. Případné dotazy k obhajobě [Questions for the author]

One of the original claims of Daniil Koloskov's thesis concerns the tendency of maximalizing the disclosive potential, that would be able to account – better than alternative explanations – for the evolution, the interconnectedness and the unity of human practices. Even on reading the final version, I'm not entirely sure I understand the idea quite well. The soccer examples are, in my opinion, too limiting to illustrate well the importance of "maximizing disclosive potential" for contemporary philosophy. Would it be possible to articulate this idea more clearly so that even philosophers who do not share the jargon of existential phenomenology can understand it?

V. Závěr [Conclusion]

I recommend the submitted dissertation for public defense with the tentative grade of „pass“.

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