

Y ÊTRE / NE SE SENTIR QUE PAR LÀ : UNE HISTOIRE  
PRÉPOSITIONNELLE DE LA SUBJECTIVITÉ EST-ELLE POSSIBLE ?

MARTIN RUEFF

*Studi Italiani di Linguistica Teorica e Applicata, anno XLVIII, 2019, numero 2*

ABSTRACT

Starting from a close reading of two famous abstracts of French literature, *La Religieuse* (Diderot) and *Les Rêveries du promeneur solitaire*, I try to formulate a strange question, both philological and philosophical : is a prepositional history of subjectivity possible ? These two statements do invent a strange relationship to oneself which is itself expressed through prepositions: “y être” and “se sentir par-là”). The point is that one of the most important formulations of philosophical anthropology during the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Martin Heidegger’s one, has invented a singular transaction between *Dasein* and “there is” – between the very place of the opening of ontology and ontology itself. A lot of philosophers have given a peculiar importance to this articulation. I try to go back to it through philology. The consequences of this essay are numerous and unexpected. Such an history is possible as long as one accepts to mix grammar, literary philology and philosophy. One of the most important results of this inquiry is that the anthropology of relationships finds with prepositions and prepositional features a high point of its expression.