

Freedom and Self-Determination of the Individual in Hegel's Philosophy

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Abstract

Freedom is the most important problems in the history of philosophy. Individual freedom became a central and challenging problem with the advent of modernity, because the absolute freedom of the individual brings a plurality that challenges the necessity of the system. The claim is that by defining individual freedom in terms of self-determination in Hegel's philosophy, individual freedom can be preserved in a way which to be in harmony with necessity of the system. In this regard, we first discuss the theory of self-determination and by analyzing its points and implications, we try to prove that based on this theory, the individual is not expropriated for the benefit of the system. Then, we show that people can participate in the system's existence, in its maintenance, in how it is formulated, and in the transformation of the system. The result is that by the theory of freedom in terms of self-determination, the tension between the freedom of the individual and the necessity of the system is answered through of rationality in the dialectical method based on the mutual dependence of the freedom of the individual with the necessity of the system, and on this basis, the freedom of the individual is not completely but to a considerable extent against necessity The system is maintained.

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