

Interaction relationship between subjectivism and aesthetics from Heidegger's point of view

Hamed Tooni *

DOI: 10.22096/ek.2026.2045030.1573

[Received Date: 06/09/2025 Acceptance Date: 10/02/2026]

Abstract

This paper aims to establish a two-way interaction relationship between subjectivism and aesthetics from Heidegger's point of view. This interaction acts as a driving force for the modern period. The first side of this interaction is that modern aesthetics is based on subjectivism and it can be called "subjective aesthetics". Based on the subjective attitude, all things, including works of art, can only appear as object in relation to the subject and are deeply influenced by the subject and the result of his will. The second side of this interaction is to address this question of whether aesthetics, in addition to revealing subjectivism as the spirit of the modern period, can also strengthen it? The answer of this research to this question is positive. Aesthetics acts in the direction of strengthening subjectivism by controlling poetry (as one of the two basic possibilities of overcoming subjectivism) and, as a result, preventing the creation of a new language. To overcome the subjective attitude, Heidegger proposes a new basis in the definition of a human. A new basis based on which a human is defined as responding to being.

Keywords: Subjectivism, Aesthetics, Art, Philosophy of Art, Heidegger.

* PhD in Western Philosophy, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran.
Email: hamedtooni@yahoo.com



Bibliography

- Guignon, Charles. "Truth as Disclosure: Art, Language, History." *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 28, no. 1 (1989): 105-120.
- Heidegger, Martin. "Letter on Humanism." In *From Modernism to Postmodernism: An Anthology*, edited by Lawrence Cahoon. Translated by Abdolkarim Rashidian. 4th edition, Tehran: Ney Publishing, 2005. [In Persian]
- Heidegger, Martin. "The Age of the World Picture." Translated by Hamid Talebzadeh. *Fashameh-ye Falsafeh-ye Daneshgah-e Tehran* 1, no. 1 (2000): 139-156. [In Persian]
- Heidegger, Martin. "What Is Philosophy?" In *Heidegger and the Opening of the Path of Future Thinking*. Translated by Reza Davari Ardakani. 1st edition, Tehran: Naqsh-e Jahan Publications, 2014. [In Persian]
- Heidegger, Martin. *Being and Time*. Translated by Siavash Jamadi. 7th edition, Tehran: Qoqnoos Publications, 2017. [In Persian]
- Heidegger, Martin. *Nietzsche*. Translated by Iraj Qanuni. 7th edition, Volume 1, Tehran: Agah Publications, 2020. [In Persian]
- Heidegger, Martin. *On the Way to Language*. Translated by Peter D. Hertz. New York: Harper and Row, 1971.
- Heidegger, Martin. *Poetry, Language, Thought*. Translated by Abbas Manouchehri. 2nd edition, Tehran: Moli Publications, 2010. [In Persian]
- Heidegger, Martin. *The Origin of the Work of Art*. Translated by Parviz Zia Shahabi. 6th edition, Tehran: Hermes Publishers, 2015. [In Persian]
- Heidegger, Martin. *The Piety of Thinking*. Translated by James G. Hart and John C. Maraldo. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1976.
- Hodge, Joanna. "Against Aesthetics: Heidegger on Art." *Journal of the British Society for Phenomenology* 23, no. 3 (1992): 263-279.
- Homson, Iain. "Heidegger's Aesthetics." In *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Translated by Seyed Masoud Hosseini. Tehran: Qoqnoos, 2016. [In Persian]
- Kant, Immanuel. *Critique of the Power of Judgment*. Translated by Abdolkarim Rashidian. 11th edition, Tehran: Ney Publishing, 2018. [In Persian]
- Palmer, Daniel E. "Heidegger and the Ontological Significance of the Work of Art." *British Journal of Aesthetics* 38, no. 4 (1998): 394-411.

Plato. *Plato: Complete Works*. Translated by Mohammad-Hassan Lotfi. Volume 2, Tehran: Kharazmi, 2001. [In Persian]

Richardson, William J. *Heidegger: Through Phenomenology to Thought*. New York: Fordham University Press, 1974.

Suvák, Vladislav. "The Essence of Truth (aletheia) and the Western Tradition in the Thought of Heidegger and Patočka." In *Thinking Fundamentals, IWM Junior Visiting Fellows Conferences*, Volume 9, 1-18. Vienna: IWM, 2000.

Young, Julian. *Heidegger's Philosophy of Art*. Translated by Amir Maziyar. Tehran: Gam-e No Publications, 2016. [In Persian]