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Foucault Dialogues with Aristotle: Both Have an Identity Crisis

Abstract:

A presentation of Michel Foucault's model of the discursive Subject in terms of the Greek conception of Dialogue (Dialectic, Sophistic, Rhetoric, Maieutic) and the Postmodern reversal of Aristotelian logic wherein the failed "laws of thought" constitute a semiotic phenomenology of human social identity, e.g., Peirce's notion of the "person as sign". The presentation traces Lanigan's original formulation of Foucault's discourse model (*The Human Science of Communicology*, Duquesne University Press, 1992) and his latest update to this research to be published in 2007 as "Communicology: The French Tradition in Human Science" in *Perspectives on the Philosophy of Communication*, ed. Pat Arneson (Purdue University Press).