Abstract

This article analyzes the diverse contributions of Michel Foucault to the concept of space. It starts with Foucault’s examination of the hegemony of time as the last ideology and of history as an interpretive paradigm and social ontology. Foucault intends to rethink the social-space relation. Although the analysis of the work of Foucault is nurtured by his own theoretical writings, our reading incorporates other authors’ contributions, such as Deleuze, Serres, Harvey and Soja, in order to examine the social condition from a space concept. When uncovered, the control devices and the practices of power cross space strata and show that the temporal axis is not an acceptable interpretation. In fact, we believe that the insistence on the temporal interpretation of history is one of the ways to institutionalize power and surveillance in the field of the social sciences.