Abstract
The purpose of this article is to provide some basic ideas about the crisis that is shaking the foundations that support modernity. The research is documentary, since it rests on a reading and interpretation of theoretical ideas and arguments that various authors have written on the aforementioned subject, bringing new light and input about the crisis experienced by modernity. Results highlight that Cartesian reason becomes an ideological paradigm of the ruling class, legitimating the bourgeois social order. Furthermore, reason not only guides all scientific and technical activity, it also governs the government of men and the administration of things. We are witnessing a kind of transition from modernity to something that is not yet clearly defined, but that tries to eclipse it and is subsumed to the concept of productivity, which alienates human behavior in order to homogenize technical rationality.

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Modernity, Cartesian reason, technical rationality, paradigm