The concept of politics as a moment of a questioning of the existing order of reactivation of the social sphere has certain advantages for the study of contemporary political processes. Two representative theoreticians of this way of thinking are Ernesto Laclau and Jacques Rancière but they begin their thoughts from different starting points. The former prefers to start from an ontological view of politics and the latter rejects it. Both authors have strengths and weaknesses. Laclau can explain all kinds of political practice but he introduces a certain ambiguity in his explanations, while Ranciere applies a stricter definition of political but excludes some practices that could be considered under this term.

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