

An introduction to geophilosophy – *Stephan Günzel (Philosophy), University of Jena (Germany)*

The presentation focuses on several aspects that are related to geophilosophy: At first hand it describes a branch of philosophy of science, which reflects the methods of geography or the earth sciences in general. Related to this, secondly, in a historical perspective it deals with geography's development from being subordinated to history to an alternative to teleological thinking. Due to that a lot of theories assigned to the spatial turn perceive geography as a master science and do transfer geographical thinking into other scientific fields. Geophilosophy here does especially look for metaphorical implications that derive from this transition. And finally, it describes the idea that philosophy itself is 'geographical', insofar it has an understanding of concepts as syntactical elements arranged in a non-diachronic manner.