「共同」與「差異」: 女性主義與現象學的爭執

Commonality and Differences: The Dispute between Feminism and Phenomenology

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摘 要

當代女性主義主張,「女性身體」是「社會文化的建構」。然而,如何在其中找到「女性」共同團結的力量?本文嘗試從現象學觀點來解決這個「共同」與「差異」的爭議,亦即,「共同」與「差異」並非對立詞彙,事實上,這兩者可以並存,而其中的關鍵是:自然身體和文化身體不是對立的。也就是說,女性主義之所以無法在強調「身體的文化建構」的同時,兼顧「女性」共同的內身基礎,是因為,女性主義往往把「身體」視為被生物法則或被文化條件所決定。本文所提出的現象學觀點將說明:身體不是一個被動的身軀,它在處境中轉化、賦予其意涵。如此一來,自然身體和文化身體互為脈絡的關係,將使我們兼顧身體的自然和文化面,進而解決女性主義有關「共同」與「差異」身體的爭議。

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Abstract

Contemporary feminists claim that the 'female body' has been resulted from constructions of

social culture. They emphasize the 'differences' of the body. But the question is thus: how do we find

the solidarity of 'sisterhood' from within differences? In this paper, I will argue from a

phenomenological point that 'difference' and 'commonality' is not antagonistic. The critical clincher is

that the natural body and the cultural body could co-exist. With the help of phenomenology of

Merleau-Ponty, I will explain that the body is not a passive corporality determined by biological law

and/or cultural condition, but an active site which encarnalizes its own situations. So, the

inter-contextual relationship between the natural body and the cultural body will help solving the

antipathy between 'the difference' and 'the commonality.'

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