

A felszabadulás ígérete. A szubjektivitás problémája Agamben és Badiou Szent Pál-értelmezésében

[The Promise of Emancipation. The Problem of Subjectivity in Agamben and Badiou's Interpretation of Saint Paul]

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Abstract

In this paper, I will explore the problem of subjectivity in the philosophy of Giorgio Agamben and Alain Badiou, based on their interpretations of Saint Paul. In Agamben's reading, St. Paul's letters have a messianic structure that can be linked to a specific form of subjectivation, closely related to the concept of "vocation" or "calling" (*klētós*). In Badiou's case, the political *universality* introduced in the Pauline letters is explained through the ontological relation between the concepts of event and truth. In Agamben's and Badiou's thought, the concepts of subject and subjectivity appear in a different conceptual framework, despite sharing the same starting point. The Badiouian approach aims to present the messianic motivation found in the writings of St. Paul from an ontological and political perspective through which the concepts of event and subject are related. Agamben situates the messianic *klētós* on a political basis from which he connects the linguistic expressions of the Pauline letters to the problem of subjectivization. Despite their different ontological framework, Agamben and Badiou offer an emancipatory political-philosophical perspective whose conceptual constitution is both the universality of the event and the 'remainder' (*resto*) of subjectivity based on difference through a specific linguistic expression, the *hōs mē*.

Keywords: subject; messianism; Giorgio Agamben; Alain Badiou; Saint Paul

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