

Why Heidegger still matters?

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In this presentation I will defend the relevance of Heidegger's thinking for our time. He has always been a disturbing philosopher, both because of his involvement with National Socialism and because of the fundamental and radical character of his thought. In the second part of my presentation I will focus on the question what are the goals and means of contemporary Heidegger-research.

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