KNOWLEDGE AND ITS PRODUCTION: INTERSECTIONS OF HISTORICAL EPISTEMOLOGY, PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AND LANGUAGE

ZNANJE I NJEGOVA PROIZVODNJA: PRESEČANJA ISTORIJSKE EPISTEMOLOGIJE, FILOZOFIJE NAUKE I JEZIKA

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Introductory Note

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The development of social and historical epistemology over the recent decades has generated a body of research set to move away from the idealized view of science and scientific knowledge in order to uncover the institutional, economic and political aspects of knowledge production. As the accent shifted from individual epistemology to the account of knowledge fundamentally determined by institutional arrangements and epistemic communities, a new space for a broad cross-disciplinary research emerged. The papers collected in this special issue of Philosophy and Society represent a variety of approaches to the ongoing discussions that seek to analyse epistemological issues of knowledge, its subject, history and logic of its formation, beyond the classical (Platonic and Cartesian) reduction of knowledge to justified true belief. Nonetheless, the traditional philosophical issues are not dismissed or removed by sleight of hand. Rather, they are, through the analysis of all those elements that remain invisible or appear as superfluous or trivial in the traditional philosophical discourse, brought to surface in the new and more comprehensive form. It is our hope that the contributions presented here will, inasmuch as they dispel the fantasies of philosophical philology, provide a solid entry point for re-thinking different historical prospectives, both developmental and revolutionary, to knowledge and different discoursive processes of its formation.