Filozofia Leopolda Blausteina w kontekstach: Brentano, psychologia Gestalt, Szkoła Lwowsko-Warszawska i wczesna fenomenologia

[The Philosophy of Leopold Blaustein in Contexts: Brentano, Gestalt Psychology, Lvov-Warsaw School and Early Phenomenology]

— description for the general public —

Barry Smith—a well-known American philosopher—argued once that "Polish philosophy does not exist," since the topic and the method used by philosophers who were members of the so-called Lvov-Warsaw School referred to discussions that were held also outside Poland; additionally, the quality of philosophical theories developed by the members of this intellectual group was equal to or even exceeded that of the Western European countries in the first half of the 20th century. This assessment is undoubtedly adequate in relation to Leopold Blaustein, a student of Kazimierz Twardowski, perhaps the most important Polish philosopher and the founder of the Lvov-Warsaw School. Blaustein's philosophy cannot be regarded as a mere local phenomenon, because the theory he developed referred to the mainstream discussions that took place in Germany, Austria and France. The main goal of the project is to discuss the heritage of Blaustein's thought precisely in the context of European philosophy. The project argues that the original contribution of Blaustein to the philosophical tradition of his times can only be fully understood only if it is placed in the adequate contexts. Blaustein's philosophy is often studied in relation to the heritage of the Lvov-Warsaw School. The novelty of this project lies in the attempt to undertake the first comprehensive and in-depth research on Blaustein's philosophy in the international literature, also making his writings available to English-speaking readers. The project aims at establishing a research team to analyze and discuss Blaustein's philosophy. As a result of the research undertaken by the team members, it is planned to publish the first English-language monograph devoted to Blaustein and a collection of English translations of his works. In addition, members of the research team will prepare a collection of texts and translations that will present Blaustein's ideas in the context of the development of philosophy in Central Europe.