

Language, revolution, conversation (2011)

The aim of revolution should be to give anyone the ability to keep a good conversation. In the Roman Antiquity, books were considered just a medium where young aristocrats could find models and stories that help them to keep good conversations. Probably a true democracy would be that in which everyone can keep a good conversation. Not only because all the models and stories are available for everyone, but because everyone may have the opportunity to practice conversations in social spaces where those conversations can have practical consequences, that means, where conversations may be not only a way of spending time, but also a way of thinking the common good and intervene in the public affairs. That implies to consider the text as part of a social game or as part of a social practice, and not as a depot of truth. From there emerge the necessity of conceiving an equalitarian relationship between body and language, because the body is the place of the individual and its inalienable rights while language is the place of the society and the common good. The new media make possible an expansion of orality and virtual conversations. The political effectiveness of these new media has been recently demonstrated. But just in a very basic level: just to organize resistance. The challenge is to extend the conversation so that it becomes the basis for the construction of new regimes. Since everything can now be recorded and registered, speech and conversation can now actually become one of the basis of this new regime, where is not so important what is written, but what everyone says and consistently says. Usually, politicians say one thing, but the law establishes a different thing. Politicians promise something, but the factual powers intervene to make them write a different, sometimes antagonic thing. It should be the opposite. What some representative says should be transformed in political action, so that one should only say what one can consistently put in practice, take to action or consistently sustain.

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