
We-Intentionality, Being-in-the-World and Multi-Level Selection: Re-synthesizing an evolutionary account of anthropogenesis by way of the hominid ‘super-organism’.

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Abstract

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The return of multi-level selection theory as a robust and respectable approach in contemporary evolutionary theory opens up new possibilities for critically and synthetically bringing together, within a plausible evolutionary account, a myriad of empirical and phenomenological insights into ‘human nature’ that did not and do not fit easily into a more narrow individual or gene-selectionist account. An expanded and re-tooled account of hominidization by way of the emergence of a ‘super-organism’ will test itself against the philosophical anthropology of Gehlen, the existential phenomenology of Heidegger and the cognitive psychology of Tomasello.

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