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Merleau-Ponty: potenza dell'istituzione

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This article brings out the crucial role of the issue of “institution” in Merleau-Ponty’s thought. Building on Husserl’s concept of *Stiftung* (but deeply transforming its sense) and reacting to suggestions from ethnology, arts and politics, Merleau-Ponty goes beyond Husserl’s logic of “constitution” by dismantling all “philosophy of consciousness”, and at the same time formulates a deeply innovative notion of institution, whereby this is conceived as rooted in an invisible “power” – the underlying facet of history.