Matteo Bergamaschi L'altra economia. A partire da Emmanuel Levinas

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The essay analyzes the anthropological view that Levinas presents in his works since *Totalité et Infini*. Thanks to the concept of *neutre*, the author explains the totalitarian attitude of both politics and philosophy (ontology), i.e. an order elaborated by an impersonal form of reason which may delete the independence of the "I" and the "Other". The purpose of the essay is to investigate how, in Levinas's philosophy, this concept is linked to the economic view of liberalism and of *homo oeconomicus*. Is it possible to elaborate an order in which a society of free men is not reduced to an external connection between autonomous and self-sufficient atoms? What is the original and positive sociality of human existence? Is it possible to consider economy the place in which the "eschatological event" happens?