Jan Bierhanzl Éthique, justice et utopie. Vers une autre pensée de l'action chez Levinas

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This paper deals with action and decision making in Levinas's late philosophy. The distinction between action and work (oeuvre) is central in it. Whereas in *Otherwise than Being* action is considered only in the strong sense as something violent and non-ethical, other Levinas's texts such as *Humanism of the Other* propose an ethical action, called work. The work is an action which foresees what no eye has never seen: a new world, a world without me, and which anticipates a time without me. The work has a utopian dimension: when I act in this weak way, I renounce to be the contemporary of the fulfillment of my action.