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Rootage versus Groundlessness. The question of 'structural foreignness' in Vilém Flusser's work

The paper delivers a reading of Flusser's Concept 'Bodenlosigkeit' (groundlessness) with respect to the Husserlian concept of 'Lebenswelt' (life-world). By examining the connection between 'Bodenlosigkeit' with its complementary term 'Verwurzelung' (rootage), 'Bodenlosigkeit' is illustrated as Flusser's idea for what current phenomenological approaches call 'structural foreignness.' 'Structural foreignness' functions as an important premise for Flusser's subsequent philosophy of dialogue and communication.

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