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Wahrnehmung von Verletzbarkeit im gesellschaftspolitischen Kontext – Eine Lektüre ausgewählter Schriften Judith Butlers unter den zwei Gesichtspunkten Verletzbarkeit/vulnerability und Wahrnehmung/apprehension

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Abstract (English)

In the ethico-political writings Precarious Life und Frames of War the concept of vulnerability has a central critical function. This concept should be considered with respect to the category of apprehension. The aim is it to prepare an analytical tool to better understand how vulnerability is at stake in current political discourses and to be able to expose and criticize a way of dealing with that category that proliferates violence. The main task consists in a careful reading and interpretation of selected texts of Judith Butler. Special consideration is dedicated to the concept of "apprehension" which occurs in different translations in German like „Wahrnehmung, Verständnis, Einsicht“. The hypothesis is that the concept of apprehension is of equal importance for an understanding of Butler's critique as the concept of vulnerability itself.