Holism, Contextuality, and Compositionality in Husserl's Logical Investigations Mirja Hartimo

Abstract.

While Gottlob's Frege's Lotzean background has been a focus of several studies since Hans Sluga's work in the early 1980s, Husserl's indebtedness to Lotze has not been studied much. The present paper will first examine Husserl's Lotzean background arguing that Husserl inherits ontological holism from Lotze. In secondary debates on Frege, it has been claimed that Lotzean ontological holism is the source for Frege's context principle "Never to ask for the meaning of a word in isolation but only in the context of a proposition". The present paper will then discuss not so obvious relationship between ontological holism and the semantic principles like the context principle in the Logical Investigations. After this we will show how Husserl solves the apparent tension between compositionality and contextuality.