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***The ontological function of language for studying contemporary societies.***

*The case of contemporary Polish gentry's integration practices.*

This proposed presentation is meant to describe the ontological function of language as articulated in the Essex School discourse theory, mainly elaborated by Ernesto Laclau and Chantal Mouffe. Firstly, I will reconstruct the School of Essex argument on the role of the ideological interpellation, understood as an effect of *misrecognition* for the constitution of subjectivity; secondly, I will demonstrate that isolated agency of ideological performativity, is not sufficient to introduce a coherent ontological consistency of social group. It will be argued that the intertwine of libidinal force with naming, as the recent developments of this approach suggests, provides the sufficient conditions of the possibility of generating the coherent social ontology, thirdly I will apply some insights of the above mentioned theory to studying contemporary Polish gentry's integration practices.