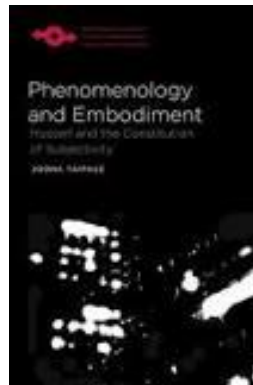


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### *The Depth of Intersubjectivity*

Husserl's concept of "open intersubjectivity" expresses the peculiarity that the environment appears as being there for "anyone". The possible co-perceivers structurally implicated have been considered *anonymous, unspecified*, which is another way of saying that the horizontally implicated "anyone" refers to no one in particular, but to "any *alter egos* whatever". I will focus on this tacit structural referencing of potential others and challenge the claim of anonymity. What I have in mind is not merely that the potential others implicated in our experience of the cultural world are particularized as co-members of one's community or "homecomrades". Instead, my point is that the implicated others (be it co-perceivers or co-members) are *specified associatively* in the light of our earlier interactive experiences. Differently put, I want to show how the "co-positing" of others necessarily "echoes", and is "colored" by, our earlier intersubjective experiences (and the ensuing introjections). The way in which we tacitly implicate *anyone* (i.e., typical co-perceivers and fellow humans) is influenced by the way in which we have interacted with particular others (i.e., particular *tokens*), whom serve as the primal institutors of the idea of "a typical perceiver". Importing insights from phenomenology and psychoanalysis, I will discuss the asymmetric structure of social perception and the sedimentation of experience, and challenge the assumption of the anonymity of the "anyone".

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