Abstract: Is it possible to speak meaningfully of a you (and of a we) if one denies the existence of the self, and if one declares the world of experience a neuronal fantasy? I will criticize both accounts. I will argue that they both, in different ways, are unable to deal with a real other. Drawing on Husserl, a proper understanding of the you doesn’t merely require accepting the reality of the self, but also the existence of a shared lifeworld.

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Sophie Loidolt, "The public realm in the phenomenological tradition."

Abstract: What does it mean to be, appear, and act in public? These questions are rarely asked when it comes to the often-diagnosed “structural transformation” (Habermas) of the public sphere. I shed light on the quality and structure of such “public experiences”, reclaiming public space as an experiential space and arguing that experiences matter for the constitution of different kinds of public spheres and public spaces.

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