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The Potential of Tetsuro Watsuji's Philosophy

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In 'A Dialogue on Language (Aus einem Gespräch von der Sprache)', Heidegger poses the fundamental question of whether it is possible to pave a way that leads to the very 'seemingly incommensurable intercultural dialogue' between Europe on the one hand, and East Asia and Japan on the other, and if so how.

In this paper, I consider this question in the context of Watsuji's philosophy. The originality of Watsuji's hermeneutic theory lies in its formulation as an ethics and a theory of cultural climate (milieu). So I take his main works, 'Ethics (Rinrigaku)' and 'Cultural Climate (Fudo)', as an object of this study.

In Watsuji's writings, I recognize the existence of a certain paradox. This is that the very thing that makes Watsuji's criticism of modern European philosophy at the same time illustrates the limits of Watsuji's philosophy and illuminates its own particularism and relativism.

Watsuji's philosophy, despite its focus on particularities of Japanese, shows us the possibilities of the interpretation that cuts across particular languages and therein may be found the potential of Watsuji's philosophy.