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## **La justice du discours. Mémoire et idéologie chez Paul Ricoeur**

**Abstract:** I have two goals in this paper: to explain the relation between memory and ideology on the one hand and to describe the concept of the “just representation” of the past on the other hand, in Paul Ricoeur’s *Memory, History, Forgetting*. The phrase “just representation” is a reinterpretation of the phrase “just memory” frequently used by Ricoeur. Here, it designates not only *la juste mesure* between memory and forgetting, but also - in respect to what Ricoeur calls *dette envers le passé* or *devoir de mémoire* - the conviction that historical discourse is or must be a form of social action that realizes a certain conception of justice. The idea of the justice of discourse suggested here is legitimized on the basis of the Ricoeurian concept of language as fiduciary institution and of the concept of discourse deriving from the speech acts theory.

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