

Review of: "Fichte and the "Humanist Fascism" in the Characteristics of the Present Age"

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This is a very intriguing paper, well formulated and convincingly argued. I would, however, recommend that the author widens the perspective, incorporates current research on Fichte (there is virtually nothing here, esp. German research; Fichte wrote in German, and there is a lot of scholarship on him). Then, the strong reliance on Burckhardt (1860) is a bit outdated. Then, there is no research on the philosophical concepts, so that needs to be widened.

The central idea is fascinating, but I would need to see more close readings of Fichte's work to be convinced. So, this is a great start, but the paper really needs much more foundation in current Fichte research. It very much reads like a philosophical reflection, with some sprinkling of Machiavelli and then Burckhardt, but that is so outdated.