

## ABSTRACT

The Ph.D. dissertation American philosophy with an emphasis on the issue of time: Temporal aspects in the work of Peirce, James, and Whitehead examines the concepts of time and temporality in the texts of Charles Sanders Peirce, William James, and Alfred North Whitehead, representing so-called American philosophy. The selection of these authors has two criteria. First, it is an original contribution to the history of thought (pragmatism, radical empiricism, and process philosophy); and second, the connection to Harvard University (the educational center in the US since the second half of the 19th century). The thesis is divided into five sections; the three of which map the perspectives of the problem of time and temporality of the selected authors. The section dedicated to Peirce discusses temporal aspects of pragmatism perspectives, phaneroscopy, metaphysics and an attempt to reflect on the assumptions for education. The section on James outlines the perspectives of radical empiricism (and psychology) and pragmatism concluding with an outline of James' temporal perspectives. A Whitehead's outlined perspectives are processual and existential-civilizational, closed by a sketch of organicity-based historicity. These historical-philosophical outlines are framed by two sections considering a question of the character of philosophy as American in general, understood as an interpretative testimony dependent on comprehending one's own unique disposition and the efforts of communication of this situation with others; and general thought trajectories of the problem of time, reflecting the motives of temporal perspectives not only of the selected authors. The main aim of this thesis is to map the issue of time in the work of selected authors, thanks to which new horizons can be opened for further discussions in the field of the issue of time and the understanding of American philosophy.

### **Keywords**

Pragmatism; Radical Empiricism; Process Philosophy; C. S. Peirce; W. James; A. N. Whitehead; Time; Temporality; Contingence; Continuity; Stream of Consciousness; Specious Presence; Concrecence; Nexus.