



Politics as metaphor

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The research was not primarily oriented towards the language of the participants of politics, but towards the examination of the nature of politics. Therefore the research was above all theoretical, although in course of the program empirical analyses have also been made. The research discussed the constitutive nature and pragmatic dimensions of political metaphors. However, the analyses of the nature of the sphere of politics widened the scope of research towards the establishing of a discursive political science. According to the studies, the participants, topics and speech-methods of political discourses cannot be defined from an outer point of view and in advance, because they are constituted by the mutual attribution of meaning of the participants, who constantly define their own boundaries. In the studies and books already available, the universe of politics is a self-forming flexible territory, which shows its adequate nature through a polemical character.