

Indexicality and Identity: some Phenomenological Aspects of Self-Identification
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The aim of this paper is to outline some processes at work in a phenomenological account of self-identification. Borrowing some concepts from the contemporary discussion about “Indexicals” in semantics, we will describe the constitution of self-identity, focusing on the specific role played by the ‘semantic-referential function’ of indexicals. The capacity that those semantic items have to fix their reference in an “open” way - to wit to shift with a temporal, spatial and social parameter - can provide us an understanding of the structure of the narrative of self-identity, and illuminate the development of the self-identification process. In this way, we hope, we could help to make sense of the narrative framework of identity offered by a subject, a patient or a group.