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***Mobile Communication Ethics***  
***– Ethics, Promise and Spacetime***

It is today a broadly accepted truism in our mobilized culture, that our relationship to social and physical space and time changes. Space and time can be thought as pure forms of intuitions (Kant), as the condition of possibility or the coordinate system of our all activities, but it can be seen also as the result of our creation, as the form and structure of our activities in the world, and even as something which is very individual and subjective in a psychological or aesthetical sense.

Every human action happens in space and in time, and if these concepts change with mobile communication, than the structure, the quality, the manner of our actions change also. It is certainly also possible to say, that in certain sense the structure of our actions in the world *is identical* with the structure of *our* time and space. If we accept all these interconnectednesses, than, our actions give structure to our space-time, as the space-time around us give structure to our actions.

The evaluation of our activities in the world happened since the greeks until today with the concepts of „good” and „bad” – and these are the main notions of ethics. Which action is good and which action is bad, is also part of our everyday communication and thinking. If my thesis is right, our relationship to the fundamental ethical question of good and bad will change with the changes of our relationship to the spacetime and to our own actions. These changes can be analysed with one of the fundamental ethical issues, the „giving, holding and asking for promises”. In my lecture I will analyze the possible changes in our relationship to „promise” and so to „ethics”.

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