

CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION: THE THEORY OF YILMAZ OZAKPINAR

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Abstract

The main goal of the paper is to provide a systematic overview of various aspects of the cultural theory of YilmazOzakpinar. In the case of understanding the culture and civilization, between scientists and thinkers, there are significant differences. Regardless of the specific content of the phenomena called culture and civilization, he says that there is a common quality. Ozakpinar elaborate the biological and psychological foundation of culture and civilization. This foundation that distinguishes man from other beasts, civilization and culture makes human of specific quality. So, culture and civilization are not phenomena that man finds in nature or in his biological structure. A major difficulty in cultural studies at present time is how to deal with the concepts of 'civilization' and 'culture'. This article discusses also the historical usages of 'civilization' and 'culture' in the early centuries and the various definitions advanced by important thinkers.

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