

## **Labor as the Foundation of Knowledge by Scheler and Heidegger**

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### ***Abstract***

The objective of this paper is that by relating Heidegger's thoughts with M. Scheler's sociology of knowledge we seek to unveil a new foundation of knowledge based on labor. In the first part, we will deal with explaining Scheler's sociology of knowledge and its relation to labor. In the sociology of knowledge, Scheler, who has converted from a phenomenologist to a Marxist, argues that the knowledge of thing is founded not only in the 'thinking ego' but also in the social structure. Furthermore, he advocates that in order to know an object, there is required not only an act of understanding as intellectualism insists but also the practical activity, namely, the activity of labor. In the second part, we will attend to clarifying the practical comportment of Dasein in respect to labor. We will attempt to interpret the practical activity of Dasein, which is derived from the action of hand as labor. Hence just like Scheler, for Heidegger, who also advocates that the practical activity precedes the theoretical thinking, Dasein is defined as *homo laborans* from which the knowledge of thing is derived.