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Andrzej Szahaj (born in 1958) is Professor of Philosophy at Nicolaus Copernicus University. He has published a number of books in different fields of philosophy (philosophy of politics, philosophy of culture, theory of interpretation). His central thesis in the field of interpretation theory is that there are no limitations for an interpretation on the side of a text. There are such limitations only on the side of the interpreter. The interpreter should be understood not as an independent, fully autonomous individual but as a member of an “interpretative community” (Stanley Fish), which is always determined by a large cultural context of the given society. Differences in the way a given text is interpreted can be explained by the conflict between different interpretative communities, which has several dimensions (philosophical, moral, political). The main limitations of interpreting texts are connected with its social and cultural context have been seen by hermeneutics from its beginning. The only problem is that it has been faithful to the conviction that something on the side of the text is not constructed in interpretation but simply discovered by it. Szahaj challenges this idea and tries to show that this is a sign of a certain kind of inconsistency within the hermeneutics. The only actual resistance for an interpretation is connected with other people and their institutional power of imposing their version of interpretation of a given text as a valid one and with the content of given culture (dominant cultural convictions) but not with the content of given culture (dominant cultural convictions) the text alone. Szahaj’s work focuses on this cultural and social context to understand the historical unity or pluralism of interpretations and their content.