

*The aim of the paper is to explore the relationship between philosophy and geography, starting from the second half of the past century. In 1976 Michel Foucault took part in an interview with the geographers of the radical French journal Hérodote. At the end of his interview with the editors, Foucault says: "I have enjoyed this discussion because I've changed my mind since we started [...] Now I can see that the problems you put to me about geography are crucial ones for me [...] Geography must indeed necessarily lie at the heart of my concerns". For geographers these remarks signaled something of a vindication. The cultural turn in geography (1980) drew geographers explicitly on the influential work of French structuralists and post-structuralists. The paper thus turns to some contemporary theories of culture in cultural geography and addresses to Derek Gregory's influential book *Geographical Imaginations*, Gunnar Olsson's *Abysmal. A Critique of Cartographic Reason* and Edward Soja's *Thirdspace*.*

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¹ G. Deleuze, F. Guattari, *Mille piani. Capitalismo e schizofrenia*, ed. it. a cura di M. Guareschi, Roma, Castelveccchi Editore, 2006, p. 42.