

Workshop on "Empirical Evidence and Philosophy"

Many philosophers think that philosophy should not merely rely on a priori reasoning, but that it should take into account evidence from experience, including experimental evidence from the sciences as well. That seems to be a reasonable methodological principle, at least if we accept the existence of something like a mind-independent reality. However, the ways philosophers consider empirical evidence to constrain philosophical tenets vary considerably different approaches. On one hand, "classical" empiricists tend to be constructionists (and more broadly anti-realists) while rationalists have an overall realist approach to theoretical tenets. On the other hand, the new trend of "experimental philosophy" aims to dismiss a priori reasoning of any sort as valuable in assessing philosophical theses. It argues that we should test philosophers' intuitions as hypotheses about the behavior of the "ordinary" people. The philosophers who oppose that trend tend to grant a special status to the intuitions of "experts" even if they do not share an overall confidence into a priori theorizing. How should we appraise the relevance of empirical evidence in philosophical discussions? When is a priori reasoning legitimate? Can we regard that evidence based on intuitions has a different status from the experimental evidence from the sciences? The workshop aims at promoting a discussion about these and related topics.



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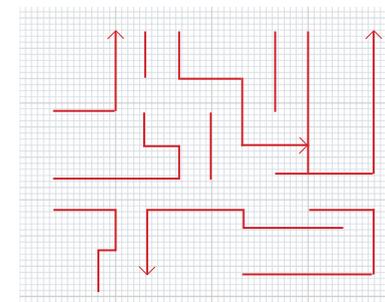
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PROGRAM

Speakers:

Genoveva Marti (ICREA and University of Barcelona)

Mario De Caro (University of Rome)

Andrea Kern (University of Leipzig)

Bojan Borstner (University Maribor)

Elvio Baccharini (University of Rijeka)

Nebojša Zelić (University of Rijeka)

Slobodan Perovic (University of Belgrade)

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22 May

Introduction

P. Bojanic, Director of the Institute

G. Torrenco, University of Barcelona

WORKSHOP

Moderator G. Torrenco

09.30-10.15

S. Perovic – “Experimental Manipulation, Evidence and Ontology: A Case of Biology”

10.15-10.35 Discussion

10.35-10.45 Coffee Break

10.45-11.30

M. De Caro – “Why naturalists can believe in the a priori without sinning”

11.30-11.50 Discussion

11.50-12.35

A. Kern – “Perception and Error”

12.35-12.55 Discussion

12.55-15.00 Lunch

Afternoon

Moderator Jovan Babic

15.00-15.45

B. Borstner – “Evidence or what counts in (social) ontology?”

15.45-15.55 Discussion

15.55-16.05 Coffee Break

16.05-16.50

G. Torrenco – “Metaphysics and Empirical Data”

16.50 - 17.10 Discussion

20.00 Conference Dinner

23 May

Morning

Moderator Ljiljana Radenovic

09.30-10.15

E. Baccharini – “Public Justification and Empirical Evidence”

10.15-10.35 Discussion

10.35-10.45 Coffee Break

10.45-11.30

G. Marti – “Semantic Theory and Empirical Data”

11.30-11.50 Discussion

11.50-12.35

N. Zelić – “Public reason, civic trust and conclusions of science”

12.35-12.55 Discussion

12.55-15.00 Lunch

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