

Abhandlungen

Articles

<p>Georg MEGGLE: Irre Täuscher</p> <p>Bei normalen Täuschungen verträgt sich die Erwartung des Täuschers auf Erfolg nicht mit der Erwartung, daß der Täuschungsversuch auf Seiten des Täuschungsadressaten als solcher erkannt werden wird. Ist Täuschung überhaupt mit Offenheit (erwartetem bzw. gar intendiertem Erkanntwerden) verträglich? Bei nicht-normalen Täuschungen: Ja. Nicht-normale Täuschungen sind solche, bei denen der Täuscher nur dann mit einem Täuschungserfolg rechnen zu können glaubt, wenn ihm seine Täuschungs-Adressatin außer seiner Täuschungsabsicht auch noch einen Irrtum unterstellt. Wie sieht die Logik solcher Täuschungsversuche aus? Und was sind deren (psychologische) Grenzen?</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>Richard SCHANZ: Pragmatismus zwischen Realismus und Antirealismus. Zur Wahrheitskonzeption von William James</p> <p>William James's Konzeption der Wahrheit enthält sowohl realistische als auch antirealistische Elemente. Sie ist im wesentlichen das Resultat der Anwendung seiner pragmatischen Regel, des Kerns seiner Ansichten über Bedeutung, auf den Wahrheitsbegriff. James' vorrangiges Ziel ist es, die Theorie der Wahrheit und die Theorie der Erkenntnis in einen engeren Zusammenhang zu bringen, als dies im Rahmen der klassischen Korrespondenztheorie geschehen ist. Dabei gelangt er zu der bahnbrechenden epistemologischen Einsicht, daß es möglich ist, den Fallibilismus mit einer antiskeptischen Grundeinstellung zu verbinden. In seiner berechtigten Kritik am traditionellen Mythos der Gewißheit schießt James jedoch über das Ziel hinaus: Er verwandelt Wahrheit selbst in einen epistemischen Begriff und nimmt ihre damit zwangsläufig einhergehende Relativierung in Kauf. Dabei übersieht er, daß es durchaus möglich ist, den Fallibilismus mit einer absoluten Konzeption der Wahrheit zu verbinden.</p>	<p>19</p>

<p>Gary W. LEVVIS: The So-called (and Actual!) Realism of the <i>Tractatus</i></p> <p>David Pears’s contention that the <i>Tractatus</i> is to be understood as advancing a form of metaphysical realism is defended against McGuinness’s view that <i>Tractatus</i> 1-2.063 is to be treated just as introducing a metaphysical myth that may be employed to bring into prominence salient features of propositions. Starting with a discussion of the involved difficulties, e.g., determining (1) whether Wittgenstein does in fact provide an argument for the existence of simple objects (2) what this object is and (3) what role the existence of simple objects plays within the Picture Theory of the Proposition, Wittgenstein’s argument for the existence of simple objects is reconstructed, augmenting Pears’s existing account by providing further details of why Wittgenstein held that determinacy of sense requires the existence of simple objects.</p>	<p>45</p>
<p>Dieter STURMA: Reductionism in Exile? Herbert Feigl’s Identity Theory and the Mind-Body Problem</p> <p>Feigl approaches philosophy of mind in the monist perspective of Logical Empiricism but he does not treat the mind-body problem in an eliminative manner. Although he modified his positions and wavered between strict reductionism and explicit non-reductionism, he never abandoned his conviction that the mind-body problem is not a pseudoproblem. Especially in his ‘double-knowledge-view’ he concedes private mental states that physical theory cannot account for and develops an identity theory that integrates two epistemic features – the way of immediate experience and the indirect way of knowledge-by-description. Feigl’s complex treatment of the mind-body problem retains its systematical importance even in the light of later developments in philosophy of mind.</p>	<p>71</p>
<p>Aviezer TUCKER: Phenomenology, Explication, and Prescription in the Philosophical Meta-Disciplines</p> <p>In a meta-meta-disciplinary investigation the philosophical meta-disciplines (philosophy of science, of the social sciences, of historiography, psychology, literature, economics etc.) are discussed, distinguishing three types of inquiry among disciplines and meta-disciplines: phenomenology, explication and prescription. This taxonomy is applied to classify classical philosophy of science. Then the taxonomy is used to analyze meta-disciplinary mistakes generated by confusions between types of inquiries. Finally some examples for such mistaken confusions from the philosophy of historiography are discussed.</p>	<p>89</p>

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<p>Analyses, in the simplest form assertions that aim to capture an intimate link between two concepts, are viewed since Russell's theory of definite descriptions as analyzing descriptions. Analysis therefore has to obey the laws governing definitions including some form of a Substitutivity Principle (SP). Once (SP) is accepted the road to the paradox of analysis is open. Popular reactions to the paradox involve the fundamental assumption (SV) that sentences differing only in containing an analysandum resp. an analysans express the same proposition, because analysandum and analysans are the same entity. Following suggestions of Gupta and Belnap it is argued that (SV) should be rejected.</p>	
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