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Title *Philosophy of Mind: Recent Books on Intentionality*

Course Description

In recent years, the venerable theme of intentionality has been focused again in philosophy of mind, by becoming the objects of several new theories put forward after the naturalistic turn of the Eighties and the Nineties. Basically, these new theories try to find a link between intentionality and phenomenology, either by locating their focus primarily at a phenomenological level (Crane, Sainsbury), or by explicitly endorsing, from a metaphysical point of view, the idea that intentionality is a phenomenal property (Kriegel, Mendelovici).

Those theories revolve around a paradox. The following triad presents three hardly compatible sentences. Which of them has to be rejected, and how?

1. One can think of non-existents.
2. One cannot bear a relation to non-existents.
3. Thinking of something involves (constitutively) bearing a relation to it.

Course organization

Bibliography

T. Crane, *Elements of Mind*, Oxford, Oxford University Press 2001, Part I (Secs. 1-8) and Part III (Secs. 25-26).

T. Crane, *The Objects of Thought*, Oxford, Oxford University Press 2013, chaps. 1, 4-5.

A. Mendelovici, *The Phenomenal Basis of Intentionality*, Oxford, Oxford University Press 2018, chaps. 5, 8-9.

U. Kriegel, *The Sources of Intentionality*, Oxford, Oxford University Press 2011, chaps. 3-4

M. Sainsbury, *Thinking About Things*, Oxford, Oxford University Press 2018, chaps. 1-2, 6.

Online discussion with students about such texts

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Duration and Credits 8h 4cfu

Teaching period June 18-19 2020, h 11-13 14-16 both days

Requirements Ph.D. students will have to read the above bibliography, in order to present questions that will be discussed directly during the course.

Details The course will be held online: for more information, please contact the teacher alberto.voltolini@unito.it