

Contexts in Philosophy

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Preface

Since John Perry presented the distinction between narrow and wide context, indexicality and context dependence have been treated as separate phenomena. The difficulties faced by the attempts of extending the indexical approach to other context dependent expressions that are not overtly indexical brought to extreme forms of contextualism, where lexical meaning disappears in favour of radical forms of context dependence (grab bag theory is but one of the many developments of this kind). The workshop addresses the challenge of radical contextualism and aims at exploring which notions of context are better suited to account for the underdetermination of meaning.

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