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Kant and Non-Conceptual Content

Workshop with Robert Hanna

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Description of the workshop:

In earlier work, Robert Hanna has argued for the claim that Kant is a non-conceptualist, and in fact the founding father of Non-Conceptualism and Conceptualism alike. In his first paper he looks at how Kant's Non-Conceptualism entails a serious problem for the B Deduction, and also how this problem relates to his transcendental idealism. The second paper critically considers the contemporary debate about non-conceptual content, rejects a false conception of Non-Conceptualism, and also develops a very strong version of non-conceptualism which is broadly Kantian in conception and motivation.

The third paper extends this strong Kantian version of Non-Conceptualism to the philosophy of perception, and proposes a correspondingly strong version of naive or direct perceptual realism. And in the fourth paper Hanna spells out a positive solution to the Benacerraf Dilemma – i.e., that a classical semantic platonism for mathematics and a "reasonable epistemology" modelled on sense perception are incompatible – in terms of (i) a Kantian version of mathematical structuralism, (ii) Kantian Non-Conceptualism, and (iii) a corresponding theory of mathematical intuition.