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zu dem Thema:

„Truthmaking is Explanation by Things“

Die Veranstaltung findet um 18 Uhr c.t. im Raum PH 0.133 statt.

Hierzu ergeht herzliche Einladung.

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Abstract

Recent controversies about the applicability of truthmaker arguments in different areas of metaphysics suffer from an inadequate understanding of the connection between truthmaking and explanation. In this paper, I highlight and explain two such connections: understanding truth as a derelativisation of a metaphysically prior relation of truthmaking allows for an explanatory theory of truth itself, first, and also helps to explain why certain truthbearers are true: they are true because of their truthmakers. Understanding truthmaking as explanation by things, I argue, helps us see what is wrong with truthmaking without truthmakers and resist the temptation to cheat.