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The Phenomenal Concept Strategy and Anti-Physicalism

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The phenomenal concept strategy is considered as one of the most powerful responses to anti-physicalist arguments. The basic idea of this strategy is to rely on specific concepts which are supposed to explain why we draw dualistic conclusions from these arguments. The target of this physicalist move is to give a satisfactory account of dualist intuitions without being committed to draw ontological dualist conclusions.

In my talk I elaborate the phenomenal concept strategy concentrating on the knowledge argument. Investigating Jackson's Mary-scenario the crucial particularities of phenomenal concepts are worked out. Next, I analyze physicalist accounts of phenomenal concepts and demonstrate that these accounts fail in explaining the cognitive role of phenomenal concepts. Subsequently, I propose a constitutional account which captures the decisive uniqueness and explains the cognitive role of phenomenal concepts. Finally, I argue that this account points towards non-physical referents and hence strengthens anti-physicalist arguments instead of rebutting them.

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